



HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS:

CARING FOR PATIENTS IN ALL
HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

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We're Your Pharmacist

The pharmacists who work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and physician practices in your district and state serve a critical role in the care of your constituents.



All 50 states license pharmacists to manage aspects of patient care in collaborative practice arrangements with physicians, and 30 states permit licensed pharmacists to independently prescribe at least one medication.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Managing all aspects of medication regimens, including ordering tests and initiating therapy
- Monitoring patient responses to their medications and making necessary adjustments
- Partnering with physicians to select the right medications and treatments for patients
- Confirming patients' medication histories
- Educating patients about their medications
- Advising nurses on proper administration of medications
- Providing options to make patients' access to their medication easier and more affordable

Pharmacists use their clinical knowledge to manage chemotherapy, medications to treat opioid use disorder, and other therapies so patients have the best possible outcomes.

As the medication specialists in hospitals and health systems, pharmacists are key members of healthcare teams, practicing alongside physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.

ASHP, the largest association of pharmacy professionals in the United States, is committed to ensuring patients have continued access to pharmacists' services and critical and affordable medications in their communities.

We urge you to advance the following legislative priorities to **improve access to pharmacist services**, support residency training to strengthen **the pharmacy workforce**, and **safeguard access to 340B prices** that are necessary to support care for our patients.



Co-sponsor the Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services (ECAPS) Act (H.R. 3164/S. 2426)

Pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare provider for many seniors, often providing the first point of contact for medication-related concerns and preventing or mitigating the impacts of infectious disease. Many seniors rely on pharmacists as a trusted source of care and support.

Unfortunately, seniors in the Medicare program are denied coverage for pharmacist-provided care. **ECAPS** would provide seniors with access to pharmacist-provided test and treatment and/or vaccines for respiratory conditions like influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, strep throat, and pneumococcal disease in states where pharmacists are licensed to provide these services.



Co-sponsor the Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act (H.R. 1708/S. 1087)

Pharmacy residencies are postgraduate training programs that equip pharmacists to manage increasingly specialized medication therapies necessary to care for our patients. Unfortunately, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has refused to tell health systems that sponsor residency programs how to satisfy its requirements.

Despite this lack of guidance, CMS alleges that basic health-system practices to reduce training costs, like shared payroll and HR, are noncompliant, resulting in funding clawbacks from many residency programs. **The Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act** would require CMS to clarify the requirements health systems must meet to receive Medicare reimbursement for operating pharmacy, nursing, and allied health residency programs.



Co-sponsor the 340B PATIENTS Act (H.R. 4581/S. 2372)

Drug manufacturers are circumventing their obligations under the 340B program by limiting our patients' ability to pick up their 340B medications at pharmacies we partner with in their community. **The 340B PATIENTS Act** would prevent drug manufacturers from restricting patients from receiving their 340B medications from these community pharmacies.

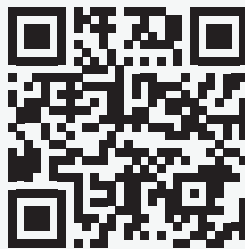
ABOUT ASHP

ASHP is the largest association of pharmacy professionals in the United States, representing 60,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians in all patient care settings, including hospitals, ambulatory clinics, and health-system community pharmacies. For over 80 years, ASHP has championed innovation in pharmacy practice, advanced education and professional development, and served as a steadfast advocate for members and patients. In addition, ASHP is the accrediting body for pharmacy residency and technician training programs. Learn more about ASHP's public awareness campaign at yourpharmacist.org.

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