

The Role of the Pharmacist: A Critical Part of Healthcare

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Pharmacists are the first line of defense

- The most accessible healthcare professionals – 95% of Americans live within 5 miles of a pharmacy.
- Trained to provide services to improve patient health and prevent disease.
- Key to reducing costs in healthcare system.



“By 2020, there will be 91,000 fewer doctors than needed to meet demand.”

- Association of American Medical Colleges



Qualified but Underutilized

Pharmacists are trained to provide

- Point of Care Testing (e.g. Flu, Strep)
- Management of Chronic Conditions and Related Medications
- Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing
- Immunization Screening and Administration
- Transition of Care Services

But not adequately reimbursed

- Physicians and other providers are reimbursed under Medicare Part B, but pharmacists are not.
- Lack of reimbursement limits patient access

The Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act

- Provide access for Medicare beneficiaries in medically underserved communities to covered Medicare Part B services from their pharmacist.
- Achieve savings for the health care system by increasing access to cost-effective early intervention services.





Savings to the Healthcare System

- Dynamic CBO scoring is necessary to fully demonstrate the long-term savings to our healthcare system.
- Services provided by pharmacists instead of physicians will save money.

**The Pharmacy and Medically
Underserved Areas Enhancement Act
(H.R. 592 / S. 109)**

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