

The Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (H.R. 1770/S.2477)

Bipartisan Legislation to Ensure Medicare Beneficiary Access to Pharmacist Services

The Facts About H.R. 1770/S. 2477

- **Medicare Part B Direct Reimbursement for Specific Pharmacist Services.** H.R. 1770/S. 2477 would create Medicare Part B direct reimbursement mechanisms for essential pharmacist services:
 - **TESTING:** COVID-19, Flu, RSV & Strep Throat
 - **TREATMENT:** COVID-19, Flu, RSV & Strep Throat
 - **VACCINATION:** COVID-19, Flu, Pneumococcal & Hepatitis B
- **Specific Pharmacist Services Within State Scope of Practice.** H.R. 1770/S. 2477 would only allow pharmacists to be reimbursed for such services to the extent the state scope of practice already allows them to deliver those services. H.R. 1770/S. 2477 would not in any way change pharmacists' state scope of practice.
- **Better Access to Essential Pharmacist Services.** This legislation builds on the current health care model to provide patients – particularly seniors, rural Americans, and those in medically underserved areas – better access to essential pharmacist services.
- **Increase in Early Diagnosis.** H.R. 1770/S.2477 would provide patients with an accessible option for early assessment and treatment of a limited number of specific infectious diseases.

Support for H.R. 1770/S. 2477

- **Broad Bipartisan Support in Congress.** More than 100 members of the House of Representatives, including members of the Doctors Caucus and the Rural Health Care Coalition, have cosponsored H.R. 1770 and nearly 20 Senators have cosponsored S. 2477.
- **Broad Support from Nearly 200 groups.** Rural and senior advocacy groups, physician and provider groups, patient advocacy organizations, pharmacists, health systems and many others [support the legislation](#).