FAMILY & FRIENDS EMAIL TEMPLATE

As your constituent, I am someone who cares deeply about the health of the community. I believe we should have a healthcare system that delivers the highest quality care to our communities in a cost-effective manner. Importantly, I believe receiving care in a community pharmacy is a critical part of increasing access to care.  It is time to authorize pharmacists to provide COVID-19 and flu services to people under Medicare Part B on an emergency basis during this pandemic. Pharmacists have more medication-related education and training than any other healthcare professional, and are uniquely situated to assist in slowing and ultimately ending this pandemic.

Please support this inclusion and recognition of pharmacists in the next COVID-19 legislative package and advocate for it to your Congressional colleagues.

We all know timing and the availability of testing (and later, vaccines) is incredibly important, particularly among Medicare beneficiaries who are especially vulnerable to the virus.  By expanding patients’ access to care through recognizing pharmacists as providers, we can reduce the strain on our healthcare system during these challenging times. In areas experiencing physician shortages, pharmacists are often the only healthcare professional readily accessible.

Pharmacists are heroes on the front lines for our patients and our communities – now more than ever during this public health emergency. Please enable these pharmacists, who are skilled professionals working to improve patient outcomes, by ensuring their ability to participate in testing and vaccinations. Time is of the essence; please provide the statutory authority in the next piece of COVID-19 legislation immediately – before the fall flu season. Recognize pharmacists. Save lives.

Thank you for your consideration and stay safe.