

February 7, 2025

Senator John Thune

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Representative Mike Johnson

House Majority Leader
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Senator Chuck Schumer

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Representative Hakeem Jeffries

House Minority Leader
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Re: Support the Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act

Dear Senators Thune and Schumer and Representatives Johnson and Jeffries:

We are writing in support of the Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act. This legislation will require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to clarify the requirements hospitals must meet to receive Medicare reimbursement for operating pharmacy and allied health residency programs.

Pharmacy is a patient-centered, multi-disciplinary profession, with some specialties requiring extensive advanced residency training in different settings so that pharmacists can address patients' complex pharmacological needs. Unfortunately, CMS is arbitrarily clawing back millions in funding from pharmacy and allied health residency programs. Since 2019, CMS has changed its auditing procedure to fundamentally shift compliance requirements for pharmacy and allied health residency programs, without updating its regulations or providing guidance on how residencies can comply. These arbitrary actions have put funding for these residency programs in jeopardy. The Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act would clarify the rules around pharmacy and allied health professional training, such as when residencies are sponsored by health systems affiliated with schools of pharmacy or provide training in ambulatory settings.

The following organizations applaud the introduction and call for the swift passage of this legislation which will ensure patient access to a well-trained and qualified healthcare workforce. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other workforce issues.

Sincerely,

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
Alabama Pharmacy Association
Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Inc
Alaska Pharmacy Association
Allina Health
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP)
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American Pharmacists Association
Arizona Pharmacy Association
Ascension
Ballad Health
Berkeley Medical Center
Bon Secours Mercy Health

California Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Centerpoint Medical Center
Cleveland Clinic
Colegio de Farmaceuticos de Puerto Rico
Colorado Pharmacists Society
CommonSpirit Health
Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy
Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
East Tennessee State University Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy
Essentia Health
Fairview Health Services
Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (GSHP)
Harding University College of Pharmacy
Harris Health
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacy
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists
Illinois Pharmacists Association
Indiana Pharmacy Association
Intermountain Health
Iowa Pharmacy Association
Jackson Health System
Kansas Council of Health System Pharmacy
Kansas Pharmacists Association
Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Loma Linda University | School of Pharmacy
Louisiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists (LSHP)
Medical University of South Carolina
Methodist Health System
Mercer University College of Pharmacy
Mercy
MetroHealth Systems
Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Minnesota Pharmacists Association
Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists
Mississippi Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Missouri Society of Health System Pharmacists
Massachusetts Society of Health System Pharmacists
National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations
Nebraska Pharmacists Association
Nevada Pharmacy Alliance
New Hampshire Pharmacists Association
New Hampshire Society of Health System Pharmacists
New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacy
New Mexico Pharmacists Association
New Mexico Society of Health-System Pharmacists
North Carolina Association of Pharmacists
North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists
North Memorial Health
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Ochsner Health
Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Oregon State Pharmacy Association
Oregon State University College of Pharmacy
Orlando Health
Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSHP)
Prisma Health
Renown Health
Rhode Island Society of Health System Pharmacists
Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP)
South Carolina Society of Health-System Pharmacy
SSM Health
St. Louis College of Pharmacy at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy
St. Luke's Health System - Idaho
Sutter Health
Tennessee Pharmacists Association
The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The South Carolina Pharmacy Association
UC San Diego
UCHealth
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of California Health
University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
University of Findlay College of Pharmacy
University of Iowa
University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy
University of New England
University of New England School of Pharmacy
University of New Mexico Health Science Center

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Health System
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy
University of Toledo
University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy
Utah Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Washington DC Pharmacy Association
Washington State Pharmacy Association
Wingate University School of Pharmacy
WV Pharmacists Association
WVU Medicine
Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacy