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## **PAPCC Applauds House Introducing H.R. 592**

WASHINGTON D.C., January 23, 2017 – The Patient Access to Pharmacists’ Care Coalition (PAPCC) – a group of more than 35 national and 70 state organizations representing patients, pharmacists, and pharmacies, as well as other interested stakeholders – applauds the introduction of legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the role that pharmacists do and can play in addressing patient access-to-care issues in medically underserved communities throughout the nation.

As with the recent introduction of Senate Bill 109, PAPCC commends the leadership of Representatives Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Tom Reed (R-NY), G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), and Ron Kind (D-WI) for introducing H.R. 592, the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act. “H.R. 592 will enable Medicare patients in medically underserved communities to better access to important health care services that are often inaccessible to many Medicare beneficiaries, including health and wellness tests and chronic disease management. This legislation increases access by enabling pharmacists to provide services they are authorized to provide under state law, and are prepared to provide through their extensive professional education,” said Vince Ventimiglia, Vice Chair of Leavitt Partners and advisor to PAPCC. “We look forward to working with Congress to enact this important legislation into law.”

### **About Us:**

PAPCC is a multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary initiative. Membership is comprised of organizations representing patients, pharmacists, and pharmacies, as well as other interested stakeholders. Our mission is to develop and help enact a federal policy proposal that would enable Medicare beneficiary access to, and payment for, Medicare Part B services by state-licensed pharmacists in medically underserved communities. Our primary goal is to improve medically underserved seniors’ access to pharmacists’ services consistent with state scope of practice laws and regulations.

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