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HSCA STATEMENT ON SENATE PASSAGE OF FDA USER FEE AUTHORIZATION BILL

Washington, DC (August 3, 2017) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement on Senate passage of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017:

“HSCA applauds the Senate for passage of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017, and we commend both the House and Senate for including provisions to increase competition in the generic drug market as part of the user fee authorization process.

“Significant price spikes for critical generic drugs and ongoing prescription drug shortages are jeopardizing patient access to care. Price spikes often occur when a lack of competition among manufacturers allows high prices to go unchecked. As passed by both the House and Senate, the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 will require that FDA give priority review, within eight months of submission, to abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for drugs with three or fewer approved alternatives, which will help streamline the process of additional manufacturers entering the generic drug market.

“HSCA and its members support policy solutions that lower costs and increase competition and innovation in the market. We encourage the president to sign this legislation to help prevent future generic drug price spikes and to preserve patient access to care.”

HSCA represents leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), the sourcing and purchasing partners to virtually all of America’s 7,700+ hospitals, as well as the vast majority of the 68,000+ long-term care facilities, surgery centers, clinics, and other healthcare providers. GPOs deliver critical cost savings that allow healthcare providers to focus on their core mission: providing first-class patient care.

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) represents the nation’s leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America’s hospitals, homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers, to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency

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