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## HSCA STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CURES LEGISLATION

**Washington, DC (December 7, 2016)** – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement on Senate passage of 21st Century Cures legislation:

“The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) and its group purchasing organization (GPO) members applaud Congress for bipartisan efforts to pass 21st Century Cures legislation and for its commitment to improving patient outcomes and reducing costs across the entire healthcare system. We urge the president to swiftly sign the legislation.

“The 21st Century Cures legislation passed today by the Senate includes critical health information technology (HIT) interoperability requirements that will help healthcare stakeholders safely exchange data and collaborate across different IT systems. Advances in HIT, including data interoperability and electronic health records (EHR), are driving a revolution in patient care. For healthcare providers to administer first-class patient care – and for patients to effectively engage in their own care – they must have access to vital patient and device data that are currently locked in system silos across the healthcare supply chain. Comprehensive EHRs with data that are accessible and interoperable across systems – and operating under appropriate privacy safeguards – will allow providers and patients to see a complete patient health picture and have access to all applicable information when making critical care decisions.

“We hope that Congress will explore additional common-sense policy solutions to help increase competition in the generic drug market and address the significant price spikes for some generic drugs that are jeopardizing patient access to care. Specifically, we encourage Congress to pass the bipartisan ‘Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act’ (S.2615), and to consider mandating priority review for generic injectable drugs with two or fewer manufacturers or in instances where there has already been a significant price spike.”

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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, nursing 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

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