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HSCA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP’S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Washington, DC (January 31, 2018) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement on President Trump’s State of the Union address:

“HSCA and its member group purchasing organizations (GPOs) applaud President Trump for his attention to the ongoing challenge of rising prescription drug costs. We are committed to lowering costs and increasing competition and innovation in the healthcare marketplace.

“Increased competition in the generic drug market is critical to ensuring continued supply and mitigating significant price spikes that jeopardize patient access to care. Patients have long relied on generic drugs to reduce costs and increase access to essential medications, and price spikes for commonly used drugs create hardship for patients and providers alike. Last year, HSCA advocated for priority FDA review of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for drugs with three or fewer approved alternatives. Policymakers enacted this provision as part of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017, which will increase competition in the generic drug market and help to preserve patient and provider access to critical treatments. However, there is still more work to be done.

“We urge Congress to pass the CREATES Act, which prevents brand name drug manufacturers from engaging in unfair delay tactics that deter generic competitors from entering the market. We also urge FDA to implement policies that encourage the swift and safe uptake of biosimilar medications, which will help increase competition and further reduce costs.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration, Congress, and agency officials to ensure a vibrant and competitive generic drug market.”

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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,

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to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org. Follow HSCA on Twitter [@HSCA](https://twitter.com/HSCA).

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