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HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATION (HSCA) APPLAUDS FDA FOR AUTHORIZING EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GENERIC DRUG APPLICATIONS FOR ‘SOLE SOURCE’ PRODUCTS

FDA Responds to Bipartisan Legislation

Washington, DC (March 21, 2016) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) decision to begin prioritizing abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for generic drugs with only one manufacturer, sometimes known as “sole source” products:

“We applaud the FDA for taking this important first step to expand patient access to critical generic medications. Expediting the review and approval process for generic drugs with only one manufacturer will help increase competition in the market, mitigate generic drug price spikes, and alleviate future drug shortages.

“The Healthcare Supply Chain Association and our member GPOs have a unique line of sight into the causes of generic price spikes, and we are committed to reducing costs and increasing competition and innovation in the market. We have worked with Congress, FDA, and industry stakeholders to adopt practical solutions, including review prioritization, to help address generic price spikes.

“While the FDA decision to authorize expedited review of sole-source product applications will help foster competition in the generic drug market, there is more to be done to ensure generic medications are accessible and affordable to healthcare providers and patients who rely on them. We encourage Congress and FDA to prioritize review of generic drugs with two or fewer manufacturers, or where a price spike has already occurred, particularly in the generic injectable market. We look forward to continuing to work with bipartisan leaders from the Senate HELP and Special Aging Committees, as well as the FDA, on other solutions to generic drug access.”

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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

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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 and accountability. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org. Follow HSCA on Twitter @HSCA.

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