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HSCA PRAISES CONGRESS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE LEGISLATION

Provisions in Bipartisan User Fee Law Will Help Avoid Future Drug Shortages and Help Facilitate the Recall of Faulty Medical Devices

Washington, DC (June 27, 2012) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President Curtis Rooney today released the following statement regarding Congress’ passage of the *Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act (S. 3187)*:

“HSCA applauds the Congress for working in a bipartisan manner to pass the *Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Safety and Innovation Act (S. 3187)*. We believe that this legislation will help address the prescription drug shortage issues confronting the healthcare supply chain, hospitals, and American patients and enhance the ability of the supply chain to track and recall faulty medical devices using a Unique Device Identifier (UDI).

“The development of a unique device identification system for medical devices is critical to patient health. Provisions in this legislation that would set deadlines for the release of these crucial regulations is important to the health and safety of patients. UDI will help ensure that patients can be quickly located and notified in the event of a device recall and that they do not continue to use devices that may be harmful to their health.

“HSCA supports Congress in its efforts to require drug companies to provide FDA early notification of anticipated drug shortages. With advanced notification provisions included in this law, FDA can act to relieve the pressures on the supply chain that lead to shortages. This approach will help ensure that patients and hospitals have continuous access to potentially life-saving treatments that patients rely on for their health and wellbeing.”

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association, formerly the Health Industry Group Purchasing Association, is a broad-based trade association that represents 15 group purchasing organizations, including for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems and healthcare provider alliances. HSCA’s mission is to advocate on behalf of healthcare group purchasing associations, to provide educational opportunities designed to improve efficiencies in the purchase, sale and utilization of all goods and services within the health industry and to promote meaningful dialogue between GPOs. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org.