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HSCA COMMENDS HOUSE FOR PASSING PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE LEGISLATION

Amendments to FDA Reform Act of 2012 Will Help Avoid Future Drug Shortages and Help Facilitate the Recall of Faulty Medical Devices

Washington, DC (May 31, 2012) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President Curtis Rooney today released the following statement regarding the U.S. House’s passage of the FDA Reform Act of 2012:

“HSCA commends the House for passing the FDA Reform Act of 2012, which will help alleviate and avoid critical prescription drug shortages, and will enhance the ability of the healthcare supply chain to track and recall faulty medical devices through the use of a Unique Device Identifier (UDI).

“HSCA supports the House in its efforts to require drug companies to provide FDA early notification of anticipated drug shortages. Drug shortages are a complex issue and with advanced notification, 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.

“Provisions that would require full implementation of a unique device identification system for medical devices are critical to patient health, particularly after similar rules to implement a UDI system were delayed by the Office of Management and Budget. 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.”

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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.