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### **HSCA STATEMENT ON SENATE PASSAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE LEGISLATION**

*Amendments to PDUFA Will Help Avoid Future Drug Shortages and Help Facilitate the Recall of Faulty Medical Devices*

**Washington, DC (May 25, 2012)** – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President Curtis Rooney today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate’s passage of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 2012:

“HSCA applauds the Senate for passing the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) of 2012, which will help address two critical issues facing the healthcare supply chain, hospitals and American patients – prescription drug shortages and the ability to track and recall faulty medical devices through the use of a Unique Device Identifier (UDI).

“Drug shortages are a complex challenge, and HSCA supports the Senate in its efforts to require drug companies to provide FDA early notification of anticipated drug shortages. With advanced notification, FDA can act to relieve the pressures that lead to shortages. Patients rely on their medications for their health and wellbeing and this will help ensure patients and hospitals have uninterrupted access to potentially life-saving treatments.

“HSCA also strongly supports PDUFA provisions that would require full implementation of a unique device identification system (UDI) for medical devices after crucial rules were delayed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). 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](http://www.supplychainassociation.org).