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HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATION (HSCA) STATEMENT ON JAMA GENERIC DRUG APPROVAL REPORT

Washington, DC (July 18, 2016) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement on the new Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) report [Generic Drug Approvals Since the 1984 Hatch-Waxman Act](#), which concludes that the number of generic alternatives to a brand-name drug affects prices:

“Robust competition in the generic market has driven down costs for patients and providers alike. However, the JAMA report affirms that competition is essential for preventing price spikes. The report specifically finds that at least four generic competitors are needed to ensure healthy markets. Many treatment fields fall short of this threshold – for example, only two-thirds of cancer drugs have at least one generic.

“While we are pleased that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) prioritizes abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for generic drugs with only one manufacturer – sometimes referred to as ‘sole source’ products – more must be done to increase competition in the generic market and safeguard access to essential medications. HSCA encourages Congress to mandate that FDA expand their priority review to include generic drugs with two or fewer manufacturers, particularly in the generic injectable market. Generic injectables are the workhorses of acute care facilities – often used in cases of emergency – and bring tremendous value to healthcare providers and the patients they serve.

“The JAMA report underscores the urgent need for Congressional and FDA action to expand priority review beyond sole source products. Doing so will help foster a robust generic drug marketplace that keeps prices in check and preserves patient and provider access to essential medications.”

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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 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

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