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HSCA STATEMENT ON NEW PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING REPORT FROM JAMA/HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCHERS

Washington, DC (August 24, 2016) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph., today released the following statement on “[The High Cost of Prescription Drugs in the United States: Origins and Prospects for Reform](#),” a new [study](#) on the drivers of drug costs from Harvard Medical School researchers published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA):

“Significant pharmaceutical price spikes are jeopardizing patient access to affordable and effective healthcare, and robust competition and timely availability of generic drugs are part of the solution. The new report from Harvard Medical School researchers about the drivers of high drug costs underscores the need for Congressional and FDA action to expand priority review of new generic drug applications, particularly in the sterile injectable market.

“As the report notes, the FDA’s backlog of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) has, in some instances, led to delays of up to three or four years for product review and approval, which discourages manufacturers from trying to bring competitive products to market.

“HSCA and its member group purchasing organizations (GPOs) are committed to reducing costs and increasing competition and innovation in healthcare. HSCA supports the Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act (S.2615), bipartisan legislation that would mandate priority review of generic drug applications for drugs made by just one manufacturer. As future opportunities to consider enhancements or additions to S.2615 arise, HSCA urges Congress to mandate priority review for generic injectable drugs with two or fewer manufacturers.”

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

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