



PPA Applauds Report Findings

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association applauds the findings in the Improving Patient and Health System Outcomes through Advanced Pharmacy Practice released today from the Office of the Chief Pharmacist, U.S. Public Health Service.

In a letter released from Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA, U.S. Surgeon General, she states, "This report provides the evidence health leaders and policy makers need to support evidence-based models of cost effective patient care that utilizes the expertise and contributions of our nation's pharmacists as an essential part of the healthcare team."

"The profession of pharmacy is grateful to the Office of the Chief Pharmacist, U.S. Public Health Service and their Commissioned Corps colleagues for the compilation of this critical report," said Pat Epple, CEO of PPA. "We are thankful to the Surgeon General for her letter recognizing the importance of the recommendations contained. This will be an invaluable tool for national and state pharmacy associations as well as others to use to work with health leaders and policy makers to implement the recommendations contained herein."

Key recommendations of the report:

- 1) Health leaders and policy makers should further explore ways to optimize the role of pharmacists to deliver a variety of patient-centered care and disease prevention, in collaboration with physicians or as a part of the healthcare team.
- 2) Utilization of pharmacists as an essential part of the healthcare team to prevent and manage disease in collaboration with other clinicians can improve quality, contain costs, and increase access to care.
- 3) Recognition of pharmacists as health care providers, clinicians and an essential part of the health care team is appropriate given the level of care they provide in many health care settings.
- 4) Compensation models, reflective of the range of care provided by pharmacists, are needed to sustain these patient oriented, quality improvement services.

PPA works very closely to assure that pharmacists are recognized as an essential healthcare provider to each and every patient and this report helps promote this in every state.

The [full report](#) and the [support letter signed by Dr. Benjamin](#) can be found online.

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