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Thursday, January 22, 2009

Who: Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

Rep. Marion Berry (D-Ark.)

Bruce Roberts, National Community Pharmacists Association Executive Vice President and CEO

Mark Riley, Arkansas Pharmacists Association Executive Director

Mike Larkin, Kansas Pharmacists Association Executive Director

What: Congressmen Jerry Moran and Marion Berry will host a conference call to announce the introduction of legislation they authored that will stop pharmacists from being the only licensed medical professionals that must meet the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) new accreditation requirements for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS).

When: Thursday, January 22, 2009

12:30 P.M. CST

Dial-in: 1-800-944-8766 (Conference Code: 84606)

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Background: CMS' DMEPOS accreditation requirement threatens patient access to important medical products because it adds unnecessary bureaucratic costs that will prevent many pharmacists from being able to continue to provide vital DMEPOS to their patients. The legislation will include language to add community pharmacists to the long list of medical professionals that have been conditionally exempted from the requirement by CMS (i.e. physicians, physical therapists, nurse practitioners, opticians, etc.). This change will preserve patient access to these valuable medical products.

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