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HSCA Statement on FDA Drug Shortages Task Force Report

Washington, DC (October 29, 2019) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Khatereh Calleja today released the following statement regarding the recent report by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Drug Shortages Task Force on drug shortages:

“Ongoing critical prescription drug shortages jeopardize patient access to essential medications. As FDA has noted, the causes of drug shortages are complex and multifactorial, requiring an all-hands-on-deck, multi-stakeholder solution. HSCA and its member group purchasing organizations (GPOs) are on the front lines of helping providers prevent and mitigate drug shortages, working collaboratively with hospitals, physicians, manufacturers, distributors, and government agencies to ensure that providers and patients have access to the life-saving drugs they need.

“As an industry with a track record for advancing ideas that have successfully resolved shortages for our members, HSCA and its member GPOs have worked closely with the Drug Shortages Task Force and Capitol Hill to drive policy solutions to help address drug shortages.”

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](http://www.supplychainassociation.org)) represents the nation’s leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America’s hospitals, 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](https://twitter.com/HSCA).

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