

NEW REPORT UNDERSCORES UNIQUE ROLE OF LONG-TERM CARE PHARMACIES IN ASSURING PATIENT SAFETY, IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS

Long-term care (LTC) pharmacies are a critical component of our healthcare system, supporting hundreds of thousands of individuals with some of the most complex care needs nationwide.

LTC pharmacies provide careful, long-term medication management as well as patient and caregiver education to reduce the barriers that typically hinder use of prescription medications.

“Long-term care pharmacies play an essential role in communities across the U.S., particularly as more of our population ages. This report underscores the important opportunity for Congress to remove barriers and allow LTC pharmacies to improve outcomes and reduce the cost of care for seniors and individuals with disabilities, not just in institutional care but in home- and community-based settings, as well.”

– Alan Rosenbloom, President and CEO of the Senior Care Pharmacy Coalition (SCPC)

“Using real-world examples, our report demonstrates the emerging and necessary role of pharmacy solutions for older adults aging in place and their family caregivers in the U.S. healthcare system. These LTC pharmacies show us how to deliver care to individuals living with disabilities and multiple chronic conditions, across many different settings, and in doing so, provide meaningful support to families and caregivers while reducing risks for the patients they serve.”

– Nils Franco, ATI Advisory’s lead researcher

Case studies of long-term care pharmacies operating in communities across the U.S. outline:

- *Patient populations served by LTC pharmacies*
- *LTC pharmacies’ relationships with and satisfaction among patients and families*
- *LTC pharmacies’ services, care delivery models, and potential impacts on care costs and quality*

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **More individuals with long-term care needs are opting to live in home- and community-based settings, rather than institutional care facilities.**
- **There is tremendous potential for LTC pharmacies to serve this growing patient population and help them and their caregivers manage their medications safely and effectively.**
- **Congress must examine and remove existing barriers that have prevented LTC pharmacies from serving broader numbers of patients in home- and community-based settings.**

Read the full report at seniorcarepharmacies.org/scpc-ati-2023-report

