By 2032, the U.S. could see a shortage of as many as 55,200 primary care physicians. Even if nurse practitioners and physician assistants are fully utilized, patient needs will not fully be met.

Georgia has 229 designated HPSAs and only 43% of the primary care needs in those areas are currently being met. There are 9,110 highly trained pharmacists in GA who are ready to provide valuable healthcare services.

Diabetes

Diabetes is a complex condition that is often managed by multiple medications. Pharmacists can optimize and help patients understand their medications and their condition in order to improve outcomes and avoid complications.

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

For patients with uncontrolled high blood pressure, waiting even two months to optimize medications increases the risk of complications, including hospitalizations. Pharmacists are highly accessible members of the care team who significantly improve blood pressure control and can provide timely follow-up and monitoring to improve outcomes.

Pharmacists are available to prescribe for minor ailments to relieve pressure on Emergency Rooms. Medications are critical for the treatment of chronic conditions. Pharmacists can help patients use them safely and effectively to avoid medication related problems.

Georgia's Pharmacists: Improving People's Health

Georgia spends $13,791,505,382 annually on prescription medications.

Investing in pharmacists' services optimizes the use of those prescription medications. Decades of research have proven the value of including pharmacists on healthcare teams. Improved health outcomes, lower costs, and increased access to care could be a reality for Georgia residents if pharmacists were fully empowered to serve as patient care providers.

Pharmacists are accessible. 93% of Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy.

Up to 30% of Emergency Room visits are non-urgent.

On average $1,000 per patient per year is saved with pharmacist interventions for patients with chronic conditions.

Pharmacists' counseling and adherence programs can save the healthcare system in the 6 months following the start of a new prescription medication.

Oregon pharmacists have written around 10% of new Medicaid birth control prescriptions since a landmark law was passed. Georgia pharmacists could do this too!

Georgia spent $10.9 billion on Medicaid in 2018.

$4.40 saved per $1 spent on pharmacists' services

Pharmacists are qualified and capable of providing smoking cessation counseling.

Smoking causes nearly 1 of every 5 deaths in the U.S. each year. Pharmacists are highly accessible members of the care team who significantly improve blood pressure control and can provide timely follow-up and monitoring to improve outcomes.

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