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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Value of Pharmacists Will Be on Display at Annual NCSL Summit**

*“Pharmacist Central” will offer policy information, health screenings for legislators*

**Alexandria, Va.** – The Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care will offer health screenings and present information on vital healthcare issues at “Pharmacist Central”, the Alliance’s exhibition at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) 2009 Legislative Summit, July 20-24 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care is a consortium of nine national organizations working together to educate the public, policy makers and other key decision makers about the important role that pharmacists play in the ever-evolving healthcare system.

At a time when the debate over healthcare reform is being played out in the nation’s Capitol and in state governments, a visit to the NCSL Summit, Pharmacist Central is a “must-do.” The exhibition presents an opportunity for legislators and other attendees to witness first-hand the wide range of patient care services that pharmacists provide on a daily basis.

Continuing a long tradition, pharmacists will perform health screenings and patient counseling, focusing on blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, bone density, body fat analysis, respiratory screening, and heartburn awareness. Pharmacists also will be available to provide medication reviews for state legislators. Participants are invited to bring a list of all current medications, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and herbal/dietary supplements.

Prescription medications play an increasingly vital role in modern healthcare, and new medications continue to improve health outcomes and quality of life in patients with both acute and chronic diseases. Pharmacists, our nation’s medication experts, are on the frontlines advancing patient care, improving patient safety, and utilizing technology to improve patient outcomes.

As lawmakers face the challenges of healthcare policy in their states, the Alliance will provide insight on valuable initiatives and programs that can increase access, reduce costs, and improve overall patient care and health care outcomes.



**WHO:** Pharmacists, legislators, and representatives of the Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care

**WHAT:** Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care exhibit at the NCSL 2009 Legislative Summit

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 21 - Thursday, July 23, 2009

For more information, daily schedules and media registration, visit:  
<http://www.ncsl.org/summit> or [www.pharmacist.com/allianceforpc](http://www.pharmacist.com/allianceforpc)

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- *American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)*
- *Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)*
- *American Pharmacists Association (APhA)*
- *American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)*
- *International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP)*
- *National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA)*
- *National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)*
- *National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)*