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Subject: RE: Support for RI House Bill 7921 – Pharmacists Test-and-Treat Authority Act

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Dear Members of the House of Representatives,

I am writing to urge your support for House Bill 7921, the **Pharmacists Test-and-Treat Authority Act**. This legislation offers a practical and forward-thinking approach to improving healthcare access by allowing pharmacists to provide certain testing and treatment services under established agreements.

Pharmacists are highly trained, trusted healthcare professionals who are often the most accessible point of care for many patients. Granting them the authority to perform CLIA-waived tests and initiate appropriate treatment for common conditions can significantly reduce delays in care. This is especially important for individuals who face challenges accessing traditional healthcare settings due to time constraints, geography, or provider shortages.

By supporting pharmacists to deliver these services, Rhode Island can ease the burden urgent care centers and primary care providers while promoting more efficient use of healthcare resources.

Expanding the role of pharmacists in this way can improve health outcomes, increase access, and support more coordinated, team-based care.

House Bill 7921 represents an important opportunity to more efficiently deliver care and better meet the needs of patients across the state.

I respectfully ask that you support this legislation and help advance it through the legislative process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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