



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CHAIN DRUG STORES

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Zack Stephenson, Chair  
House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee  
3109 Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Support for HF1279**

Dear Chair Stephenson:

On behalf of our members operating pharmacies in the state of Minnesota, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) would like to voice our support for HF1279, which would in this time of the COVID-19 public health emergency, help preserve Minnesotans' access to their local retail community pharmacies and the life-saving services they provide, including COVID-19 immunization and testing services.

NACDS supports state standards that level the playing field for retail community pharmacies. HF1279 would provide that; as well as transparency in the Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) appeal process for prescription drugs, prohibit retroactive direct and indirect claim adjustments, and prohibit redundant, additional, and/or overly stringent pharmacy accreditation standards and requirements. We urge the Committee to swiftly advance this legislation.

We thank you for your consideration of our perspectives. Please support and advance this legislation that will benefit all Minnesotans by helping to preserve their access to the care and services of their local community pharmacies. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jill McCormack at [jmccormack@nacds.org](mailto:jmccormack@nacds.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steven C. Anderson, FASAE, IOM, CAE  
President and Chief Executive Officer