



STATEMENT

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Statement from the Consumer Healthcare Products Association

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) issued the following statement from President and CEO Scott Melville after introduction of reconciliation legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives:

“CHPA strongly supports restoration of the ability for consumers to use their Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs) and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to purchase over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, and urges the Ways & Means Committee to advance this important measure. According to a survey conducted by Harris Poll on behalf of CHPA, the majority of Americans (75%) favor including OTCs in FSAs and HSAs. Since 2011, a provision in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) took away the ability of consumers to use their tax-preferred HSA and FSA dollars to purchase OTC medicines, unless they first received a prescription. At a time when more and more Americans are exercising these vital HSA and FSA benefits, this is a common sense fix for many families who rely on non-prescription OTC medicines to treat common ailments such as allergies, cough and colds, or pain.”

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The Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) is the 136-year-old national trade association representing the leading manufacturers and marketers of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines and dietary supplements. Every dollar spent by consumers on OTC medicines saves the U.S. healthcare system \$6-\$7, contributing a total of \$102 billion in savings each year. CHPA is committed to empowering self-care by preserving and expanding choice and availability of consumer healthcare products. chpa.org