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## **Michigan Pharmacists Association and AAPA Launch Strategic Partnership to Support Independent Pharmacies in Michigan**

**(Lansing, Mich.)** – The Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) and AAPA have launched a strategic partnership to enhance the buying power for independent pharmacies in the state of Michigan. AAPA will be MPA’s endorsed buying group for independent pharmacies effective immediately. This new arrangement will allow independent pharmacy owner members of MPA access to superior pricing and savings that strengthen their businesses and help them provide patients with the highest level of care.

Independent pharmacies are a critical health care component and serve prominently in rural and underserved areas. According to the National Community Pharmacists Association, 74 percent of community pharmacies serve population areas of less than 50,000. The collaboration between MPA and AAPA is an important component of how MPA has and will continue to support independent community pharmacies.

“In our exhaustive search for a buying group, it was critically important for us to identify a Michigan-based buying group to serve Michigan independent pharmacies,” said Mark Glasper, MPA CEO. “In AAPA, we not only accomplished that link, but we also found a buying group that will help independent pharmacies thrive in a very competitive environment. MPA looks forward to this partnership and how it will positively impact the bottom line of independent pharmacies throughout Michigan.”

“The AAPA is excited to partner with the Michigan Pharmacists Association as part of our ongoing mission to level the playing field for independent pharmacy owners,” said Ed Saleh, AAPA executive board member. “AAPA believes that by leveraging the buying power of independent pharmacies, we can help support these health care professionals and enable them to continue playing an integral

role in the U.S. healthcare system. This collaboration with the Michigan Pharmacist Association is a significant step forward in achieving this goal.”

#### About Michigan Pharmacists Association

*Michigan Pharmacists Association strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit [MichiganPharmacists.org](http://MichiganPharmacists.org).*

#### About AAPA

*The nation’s fastest-growing group purchasing organization, built by pharmacists to power your independent pharmacy. A Super Advocate, AAPA is embracing and activating change every day to bring new and first-to-market insights, programs, and tools to our [independent pharmacy members](#). Our team is dedicated to leveling the playing field for independent pharmacy owners through the most aggressive buying power, services, support and advocacy. For more information, visit [aaparx.com](http://aaparx.com).*

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