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NACDS Urges President Bush to Sign Bill Passed by House and Senate that Includes Medicaid AMP-Cut Delay

Alexandria, VA – Today the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) sent a [letter](#) to urge President George W. Bush to expedite the signing of H.R. 6331, the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act*.

“From the policy and political perspectives, this legislation has been the subject of vigorous and highly public debate,” said President and CEO Steven C. Anderson, IOM, CAE said in the letter. “It now has been passed overwhelmingly by the House of Representatives and the Senate.”

“Though the White House has indicated its objection to some provisions of the legislation, NACDS believes strongly that this legislation as a whole is necessary for the good of healthcare and for the good of the economy.”

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The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) represents the nation's leading retail chain pharmacies and suppliers, helping them better meet the changing needs of their patients and customers. Chain pharmacies operate more than 39,000 pharmacies, employ 114,000 pharmacists, fill more than 2.4 billion prescriptions yearly, and have annual sales of over \$700 billion. Other members include 1,010 suppliers of products and services to the chain drug industry. NACDS international membership includes 101 members from 29 countries. For more information about NACDS, visit www.nacds.org.

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