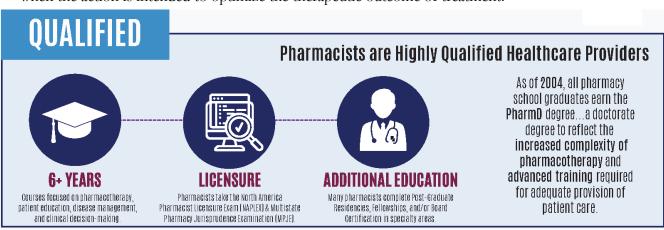
### Pharmacists Improving the Health of Our Communities

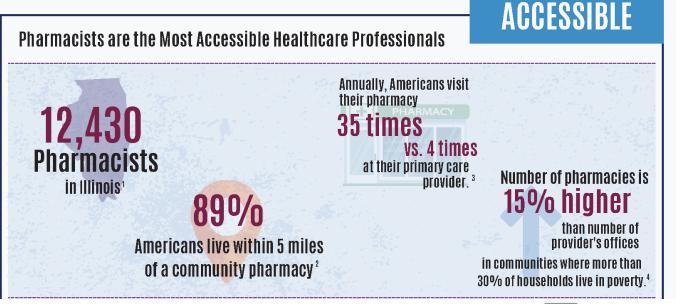
#### HB5462 - Representative Anna Moeller

**Background:** Pharmacists are a valued member of the healthcare team and data shows that there is a need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. The potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services is great, improving health equity, and access to care. Public Act 103-0001 established a foundation of recognizing the public's trust in allowing pharmacists to be able to assess a patient's condition by ordering COVID and influenza testing, ordering COVID and influenza vaccines, and ordering most COVID treatments when appropriate. Pharmacists have the knowledge, skills, and proven trust to help improve the health in our communities. HB5462 will enable pharmacists to be able to expediate access to qualified and timely care.

#### HB5462 will:

- Advance ability for assessment and care options for influenza, streptococcus pharyngitis, lice, skin
  conditions (e.g. ringworm and athlete's foot), respiratory syncytial virus, and other health conditions
  identified by a statewide public health emergency.
- Enable pharmacists to utilize professional and clinical judgement to adapt an existing prescription when the action is intended to optimize the therapeutic outcome of treatment.









# **PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT**





**Chronic conditions** account for over 85% of total U.S. health care costs 7



Saved for every \$1 spent on pharmacist service.8

## COVID-19

From February 2020 - November 2022. pharmacists in the U.S. provided more than





COVID-19 tests \*

COVID-19 Vaccinations 9

#### **Engaging Pharmacists & Their Teams**

Expanding the number of pharmacies with test-and-treat sites in medically underserved areas could increase access to COVID-19 treatment



## **INFLUENZA**

Hinois pharmacists are providing flu shots

the hours offered for giving immunizations vs. provider's offices 12



2022 Flu Season

Pharmacies have given 18.7 Million flu shots



10.7 Million

given at provider's offices 11



States now authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe antivirals based on a positive flu test.13

## **OPIOID CRISIS**

## 80,000 Americans

died from an opioid overdose in 2021. 14





States, including Illinois, authorize pharmacists to administer naltrexone to patients. 16

Naloxone access laws that grant pharmacists direct authority to prescribe are associated with significant reductions in fatal overdoses. HIV

Pharmacists have been identified by the CDC as key professionals in achieving one of the CDC's goals of ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. by preventing HIV infection.

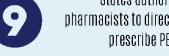
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