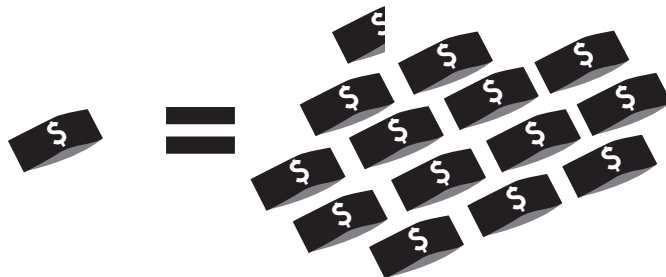


# NACDS Pharmacies. The face of neighborhood healthcare.

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores represents traditional drug stores, supermarkets, and mass merchants with pharmacies – from regional chains with four stores to national companies. Chains operate more than 41,000 pharmacies and employ more than 3.8 million people, including 132,000 pharmacists. They fill 73 percent of annual prescriptions in the United States.

**Face-to-face, pharmacist-patient interactions improve medication use, improving lives and reducing costs by preventing costly forms of care.**

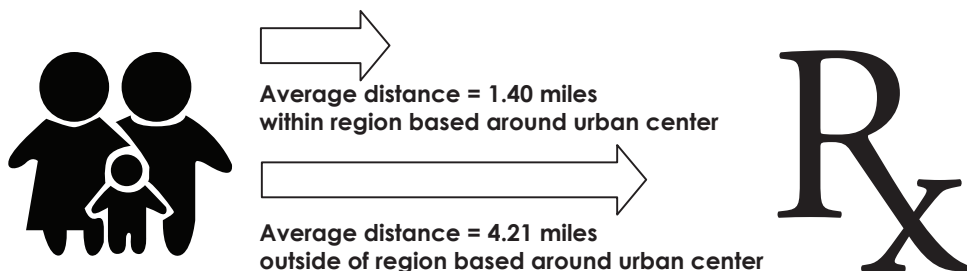
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In the CheckMeds NC program, face-to-face medication therapy management (MTM) delivered a return of \$13.55 for every \$1 invested. A study published in January 2012 in *Health Affairs* found greater benefits from counseling in a face-to-face retail setting versus a phone call from a mail order pharmacist. (North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund; Health Affairs)

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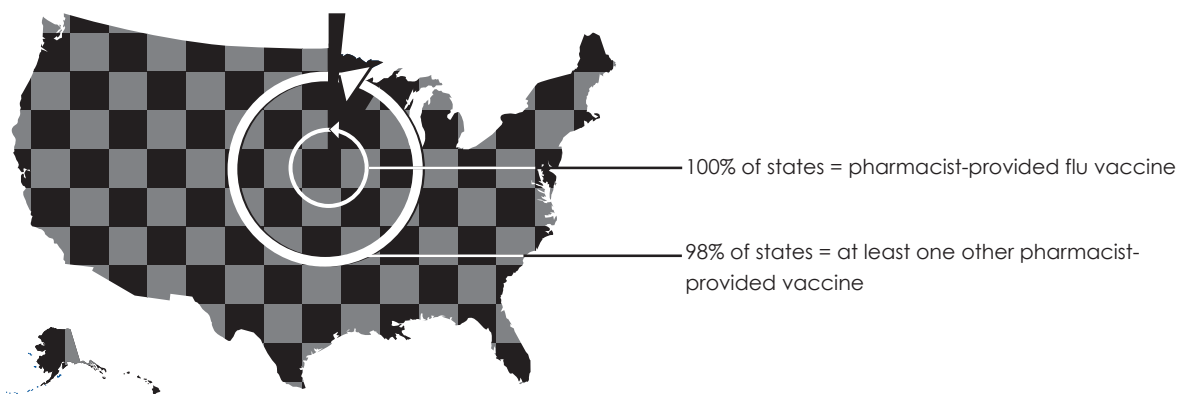
**Community pharmacists live, work and serve patients in every state and Congressional District – including yours.**



Nearly all Americans (95%) live within five miles of a community pharmacy. (NCPDP Pharmacy File, ArcGIS Census Tract File, NACDS Economics Department)

**Vaccinations, health education, screenings, disease management and more help community pharmacies deliver unsurpassed value in healthcare.**

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Pharmacists now can administer the flu vaccine in all 50 states. In 49 states – and the District of Columbia – pharmacists also can provide at least one other vaccination, like pneumonia, tetanus, hepatitis and shingles.