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HSCA Submits Comments to FDA on Using Unique Device Identifiers in Medical Device Safety Communications to Support Accuracy, Quality, and Patient Safety

Washington, DC (January 19, 2021) – The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) Committee for Healthcare eStandards (CHeS) today submitted comments to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) encouraging the agency to use unique device identifiers (UDI) to improve FDA communications regarding the safety of medical devices.

Patients across the country rely on medical devices in their day-to-day lives, and timely, informative communications in the event of medical device issues are critical to patient care. The FDA solicited feedback from healthcare stakeholders on ways to strengthen the agency’s medical device safety communications to help support patient safety.

“The ability to track and recall medical devices when issues arise is critical to protecting patients, many of whom depend on medical devices,” said Curt Miller, Executive Director of CHeS. “Incorporating UDIs into all FDA data sets, submissions, and communications will enable healthcare stakeholders to quickly identify and withdraw relevant products and improve overall accurate identification and traceability while promoting patient safety.”

CHeS is a leader in the healthcare industry’s efforts to improve accuracy, efficiency, and patient safety through the application of electronic data standards in the healthcare supply chain. CHeS works to accelerate industry-wide deployment of the standards and associated processes throughout the healthcare supply chain.

To read HSCA’s full comments to FDA, click [here](#).

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) represents the nation’s leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America’s hospitals, homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers,

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to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org. Follow HSCA on Twitter [@HSCA](https://twitter.com/HSCA).