Wisconsin spends $8,702 per patient annually on healthcare expenditures.\(^2\)

Patients are 3x more likely to stay out of the hospital when pharmacists provide clinical services after discharge.\(^5\)

\(\frac{2}{3}\) of Wisconsin counties have areas considered medically underserved.\(^1\) Pharmacists are uniquely positioned to fill these healthcare access gaps.

Improved health outcomes, lower costs, and increased access to care could be a reality for Wisconsinites if pharmacists are fully empowered to serve as patient care providers.

Provider Status ensures that pharmacists, with their extensive medication expertise, are recognized as part of the integrated healthcare team. Provider Status will increase access to pharmacist-provided services by ensuring that pharmacists are equitably paid for the patient care services they provide.

Pharmacist interventions for patients with chronic conditions save an average of $1,000 per patient per year.\(^3\)
Provider Status: FAQ

What does having “Provider Status” allow pharmacists to do?
Being recognized as healthcare providers allows pharmacists to be a more integral part of healthcare teams and broaden patient access to pharmacist-provided services by making these services reimbursable.

Does Provider Status expand a pharmacist’s scope of practice?
No. Pharmacists in Wisconsin currently have their own scope of practice, as well as the ability to perform any patient-care service delegated by a physician; Provider Status does not broaden what a pharmacist can do without a physician’s delegation.

Why is Provider Status good for patients?
By recognizing pharmacist-provided services, care that will improve patient outcomes and reduce costs will be more accessible to patients across Wisconsin.

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