

# Americans Have Broad Access to Pharmacies

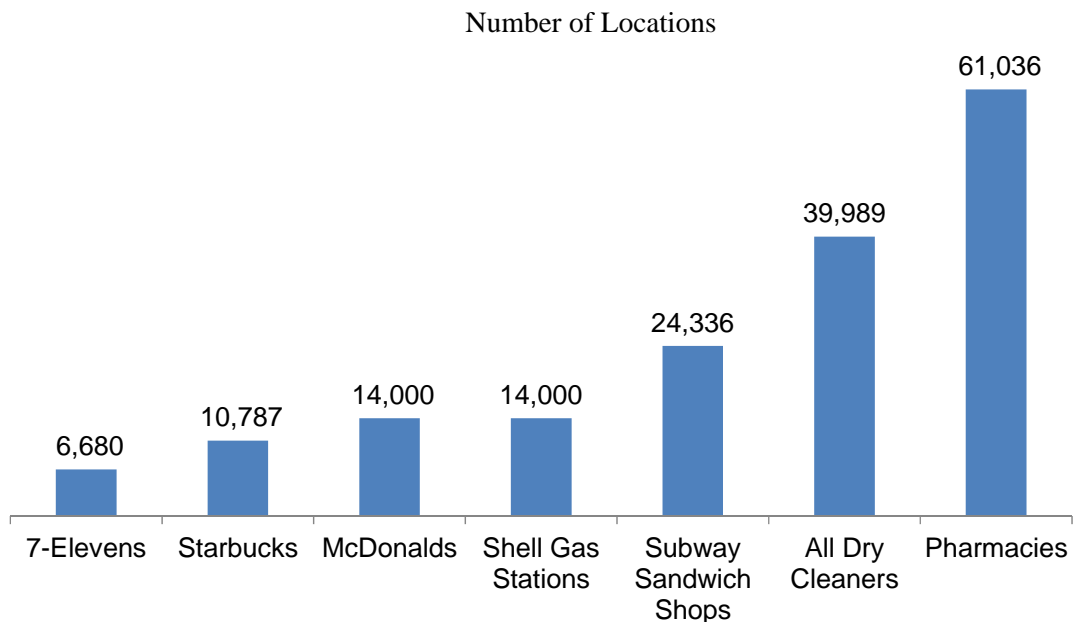
## Huge and Increasing Number of Retail Pharmacies in America

- Since 2005, the total number of retail pharmacies in the United States has increased by more than 4,000 stores and now stands at more than 61,000.<sup>1</sup>
- Today there are more retail pharmacies in the United States than all the McDonalds, Starbucks, Subways, and 7-Elevens combined.<sup>2</sup>

## Nearly All Americans Have Pharmacies Located Nearby

- On average, Americans live within 1.37 miles of a pharmacy.<sup>3</sup>
- More than 90% of Americans live within 5 miles of a retail pharmacy.<sup>4</sup>
- More than 90% of *rural* Medicare beneficiaries live within 10 miles of a pharmacy, far exceeding the program requirement that 70% of rural beneficiaries have a pharmacy within 15 miles of their home.<sup>4</sup>

## Pharmacies Outnumber 7-Elevens, Starbucks, McDonalds, and Subways Combined



Source: NACDS, government, and company reports.

<sup>1</sup> 2011-2012 Chain Pharmacy Industry Profile, National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), 2011.

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<sup>4</sup> MedPAC, "Report to Congress: Medicare and the Health Delivery System," Chapter 5, June 2012.