

# Open Forum on 2019 Proposed Policy Statements

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# Webinar Information

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# Webinar Information

- Webinar scheduled for 90 minutes
  - 15 minutes for overview
  - 20 minutes per topic
  - 15 minutes for questions/general information
- Moderators will clarify issues, but will not engage in debate

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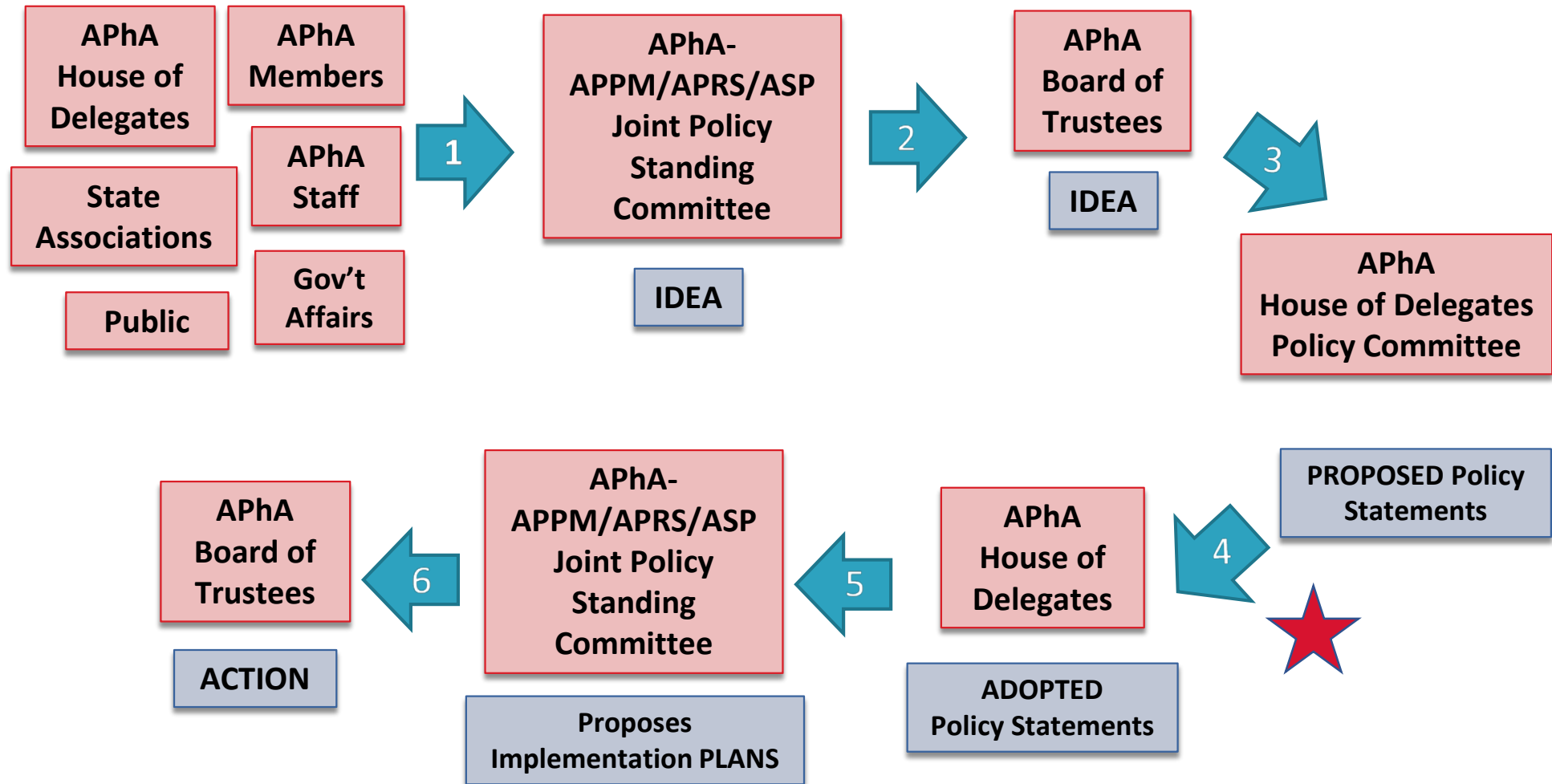
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# Policy Process Roadmap

*Transforming Ideas into Action*



# Current Policy Information

## Policy Manual

- Online searchable database:
  - <http://www.pharmacist.com/policy-manual>
- Online PDF version:
  - <http://pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/files/16898%20CURRENT%20ADOPTED%20POLICY%20MANUAL%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

# 2019 Policy Topics

Consolidation within Health Care

Pharmacist's Role in Mental Health and Emotional Well-being

Referral System for the Pharmacy Profession

# Consolidation within Health Care



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[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 8,9,10,11,12.]

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- enhance patient experience and safety,
- improve population health,
- reduce health care costs, and
- improve the work life of healthcare providers.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 12 and 13.]

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- Creation of an ongoing post-health care mergers and acquisitions evaluation process; and
- Open and continuing dialogue among stakeholders regarding strategies to assure patient access to care.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 14,15,16,17,18.]

# Related Existing Policy

## 2004, 1990 Freedom to Choose

1. APhA supports the patient's freedom to choose a provider of health care services and a provider's right to be offered participation in governmental or other third-party programs under equal terms and conditions.
2. APhA opposes government or other third-party programs that impose financial disincentives or penalties that inhibit the patient's freedom to choose a provider or health care services.
3. APhA supports that patients who must rely upon governmentally-financed or administered programs are entitled to the same high quality of pharmaceutical services as are provided to the population as a whole.

*(Am Pharm NS30(6):45 June 1990) (JAPhA NS44(5):551 September/October 2004) (Reviewed 2010) (Reviewed 2015)(Reviewed 2018)*

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**Time for Discussion**

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[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 9,10,11,12,13,14.]

2. APhA encourages employers and policy makers to provide the support, resources, culture, and authority necessary for pharmacists and student pharmacists to engage and assist individuals regarding mental health and emotional well-being.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 15,16,17,18,19,20.]

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[Refer to Summary of Discussion Item 21.]

# Related Existing Policy

- **2018** *Efforts to Reduce the Stigma Associated with Mental Health Disorders or Diseases*
- **2016, 2003, 1987** *Substance Use Disorder Education*
- **2011** *The Role and Contributions of the Pharmacist in Public Health*
- **2004, 1965** *Mental Health Programs*
- **2003** *Drug Addiction/Chemical Dependency Education*



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[Refer to Summary of Discussion Item 6.]

2. APhA supports referrals to and by pharmacists that ensure timely patient access to quality services and promote patient freedom of choice.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 6,7,8,9.]

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3. APhA advocates for pharmacists' engagement in referral systems that are aligned with those of other health care providers and facilitates collaboration and information sharing to assure continuity of care.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 10 and 11.]

4. APhA supports attribution and equitable payment to pharmacists providing patient care services as a result of a referral.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Items 12,13,14.]

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5. APhA promotes the pharmacist's professional responsibility to uphold ethical and legal standards of care in referral practices.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Item 15.]

6. APhA reaffirms its support of development, adoption, and use of policies and procedures by pharmacists to manage potential conflicts of interest in practice, including in referral systems.

[Refer to Summary of Discussion Item 16.]

# Related Existing Policy

- **2018** *Pharmacists Electronic Referral Tracking*
- **2006** *Continuity of Care*

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# General Discussion

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# House Keeping

- New Business Items are due **February 20, 2019**
- House Committee reports available at [www.pharmacist.com/apha-house-delegates](http://www.pharmacist.com/apha-house-delegates)
- Contact your state association or recognized national organization to secure your Delegate seat
  - All Delegate materials will be sent **electronically** this year
  - *A limited number* of Delegate books will be available onsite
- **Policy Review Committee Webinars**
  - January 30, 12:00-1:30pm (ET)**
  - February 6, 6:00 – 7:30pm (ET)**
- New Business Item Webinars**
  - February 27, 12:00 – 1:30pm (ET)**
  - March 6, 6:00 – 7:30pm (ET)**

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# 2019 House of Delegates

## **House of Delegates First Session**

Friday, March 22, 3:00 to 5:00pm

## **Policy Committee Open Hearing**

Sunday, March 24, 1:00 to 3:00pm

## **New Business Review Committee Open Hearing**

Saturday, March 23, 1:00 to 2:30pm

## **House of Delegates Final Session**

Monday, March 25, 1:30 to 4:30pm

# Ideas for Future Policy Topics

- Are there topics we should consider for the 2020 House of Delegates?
  - These are topics needing more development than through the new business process
  - Tell us now or send to [HOD@aphanet.org](mailto:HOD@aphanet.org)

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Thank you for your time and attention!

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