

# Policy Review Committee Open Forum

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# Webinar Information

- Webinar scheduled for 60 minutes
  - 10 minutes for overview
  - 40 minutes for discussion of content
  - 10 minutes for questions/general information
- Moderators will clarify issues, but will not engage in debate

# Policy Review Committee

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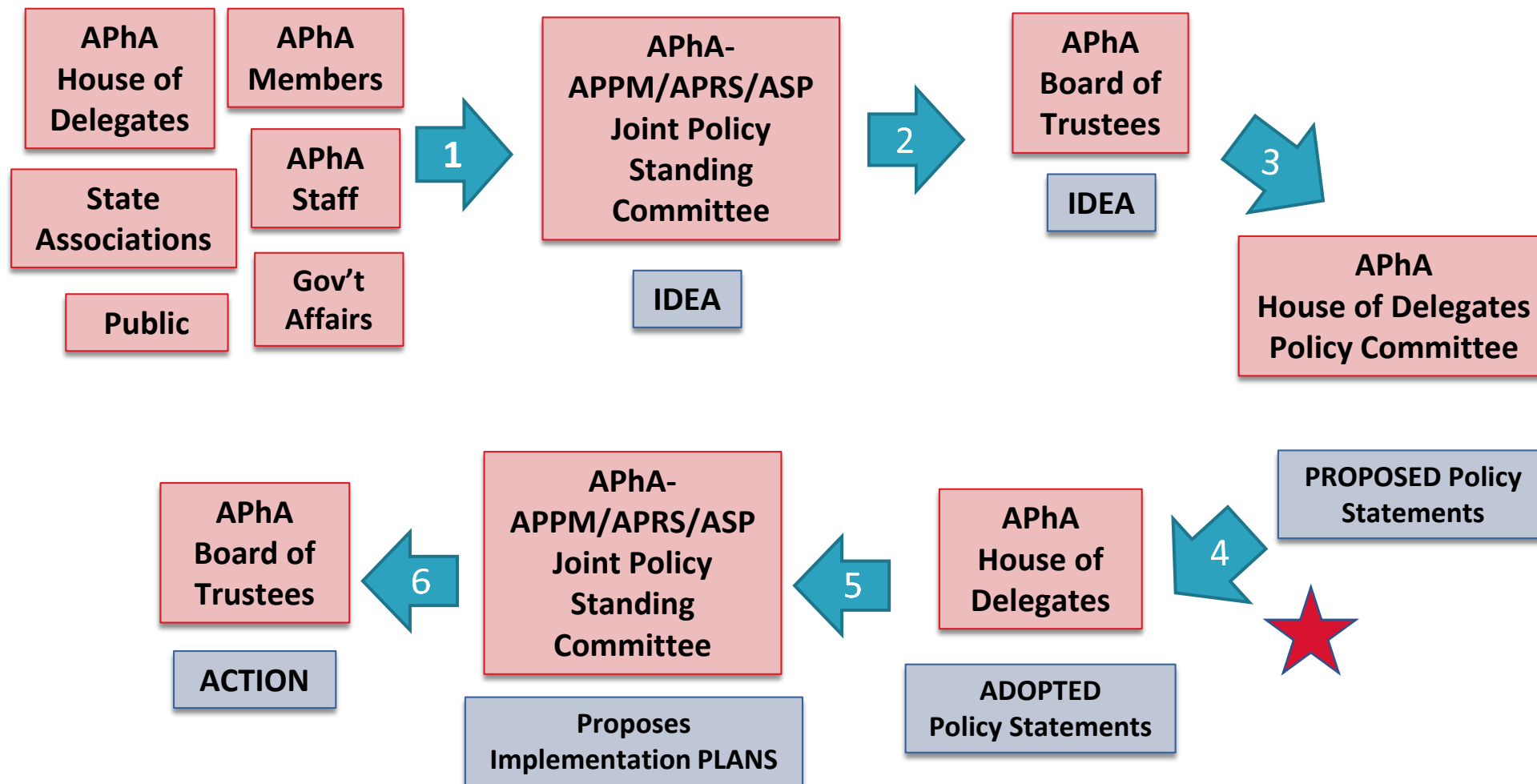
# Current Policy Information

## Policy Manual

- Online searchable database:
  - <http://www.pharmacist.com/policy-manual>
- Online PDF version:
  - [https://media.pharmacist.com/hod/APhA\\_Policy\\_and\\_Procedures\\_2018.pdf](https://media.pharmacist.com/hod/APhA_Policy_and_Procedures_2018.pdf)

# Policy Process Roadmap

*Transforming Ideas into Action*



# Potential Recommendations

- Retain
- Amend
- Archive
- Rescind

Reviewed **41** policy statements in Part 1 of their Report

- **Recommend to Retain – 39**
- **Recommend to Amend – 0**
- **Recommend to Archive – 2**
- **Recommend to Rescind – 0**

**42** Total Recommendations for Action by the House



# Policy Review Committee – Retain

## Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #1

### 2004 – Protecting the Integrity of the Medication Supply

3. APhA supports public education about the risk of using medications whose production, distribution, or sale does not comply with U.S. federal and state laws and regulations.
4. APhA urges pharmacists and other health care professionals to report suspected counterfeit products to the Food and Drug Administration.

# Policy Review Committee – Retain

## Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #23

### 2008 – Billing and Documentation of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services

1. APhA encourages the development and use of a system for billing of MTM services that:
  - (a) includes a standardized data set for transmission of billing claims;
  - (b) utilizes a standardized process that is consistent with claim billing by other healthcare providers;
  - (c) utilizes a billing platform that is accepted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
2. APhA supports the pharmacist's or pharmacy's choice of a documentation system that allows for transmission of any MTM billing claim and interfaces with the billing platform used by the insurer or payer.
3. APhA encourages pharmacists to use the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for billing of MTM services.
4. APhA supports efforts to further develop CPT codes for billing of pharmacists' services, through the work of the Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC) and Pharmacy HIT Collaborative.

# Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to Retain:

- 2004 – Protecting the Integrity of the Medication Supply
- 2008 – Billing and Documentation of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services

*Time for Discussion*

# Policy Review Committee – Archive

## Recommend to Archive – ITEM #41

### 2004 – Protecting the Integrity of the Medication Supply

1. APhA encourages pharmacists to enhance their role in protecting the integrity of the medication supply, including careful consideration of the source and distribution pathways of the medications they dispense.
2. APhA recommends that all individuals and entities of the pharmaceutical supply system, including manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies, pharmacists, and others, adopt appropriate technology, tracking mechanisms, business practices, and other initiatives to protect the integrity of the drug supply.

# Policy Review Committee – Archive

Recommend to Archive – ITEM #42

## 1985 – Pharmaceutical Pricing

APhA supports a system of equal opportunity with the same terms, conditions, and prices available for all pharmacies.

# Policy Review Committee – **Archive**

Recommend to Archive:

- 2004 – Protecting the Integrity of the Medication Supply
- 1985 – Pharmaceutical Pricing

*Time for Discussion*

# Policy Review Committee – Part 1 Report

## Overall Discussion

- ***Retain***
  - 39
- ***Amend***
  - 0 statements
- ***Archive***
  - 2 statements
- ***Rescind***
  - 0 statements

***Time for Discussion***

# Recap of last 11 months in House Processes



Amendments on Policy Statements and New Business unable to be discussed during Virtual House

Speaker assigned Committee to review comments submitted via ballot process but not considered during virtual House  
 - Committee – Part 2 Report submitted to House and reviewed during Fall webinar

Committee’s – Part 2 Report considered during Virtual House session  
 - Report adopted with items pulled for further debate  
 - 3 items (25, 26, 27) were not able to be debated and were carried over as unfinished business

Additional Review of Unfinished Business Report from Nov 6, 2020 Virtual House

Consideration of Unfinished Business Report via regular debate



# Unfinished Business Report

*Unfinished Business from November 6, 2020 House session*

- ***Amend***
  - 3 statements

# Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #25

## INCREASING ACCESS TO AND ADVOCACY FOR MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD) – STATEMENT 1

1. APhA supports the use of evidence-based medicine ~~medication~~ as first-line treatment for opioid use disorder for patients, including healthcare professionals, ~~such as pharmacists,~~ in and out of the workplace, for as long as needed to treat their disease.

# Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #26

INCREASING ACCESS TO AND ADVOCACY FOR MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD) – STATEMENT 2

2. APhA encourages pharmacies to maintain an inventory of medications ~~of public health importance, particularly medications for~~ used in treatment of opioid use disorder, to ensure access for patients.

# Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #27

INCREASING ACCESS TO AND ADVOCACY FOR MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD) – STATEMENT 3

3. APhA encourages pharmacists and payers ensure patients have equitable access to and coverage for ~~at least one~~ medications ~~from each class of medications~~ used in the treatment of opioid use disorder. ~~, such as making medications available on the payer's lowest cost sharing tier.~~

# Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 25
- Item 26
- Item 27

*Time for Discussion*

# House Keeping

**New Business Items are due February 10, 2021**

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- All Delegate materials will be sent electronically this year
- *A limited number* of Delegate books will be available onsite

## **New Business Item Webinars**

**February 24, 3:00 – 4:30pm (ET)**

**March 3, 6:00 – 7:30pm (ET)**

# 2021 House of Delegates

**Open Hearing on Electronic Ballot  
Process & Results**

**Friday, March 12, 3:00 to 4:00pm ET**

**New Business Review Committee  
Open Hearing**

**Saturday, March 13, 1:00 to 2:30pm**

**Policy Committee Open Hearing**

**Sunday, March 14, 1:00 to 2:00pm**

**House of Delegates Final Session**

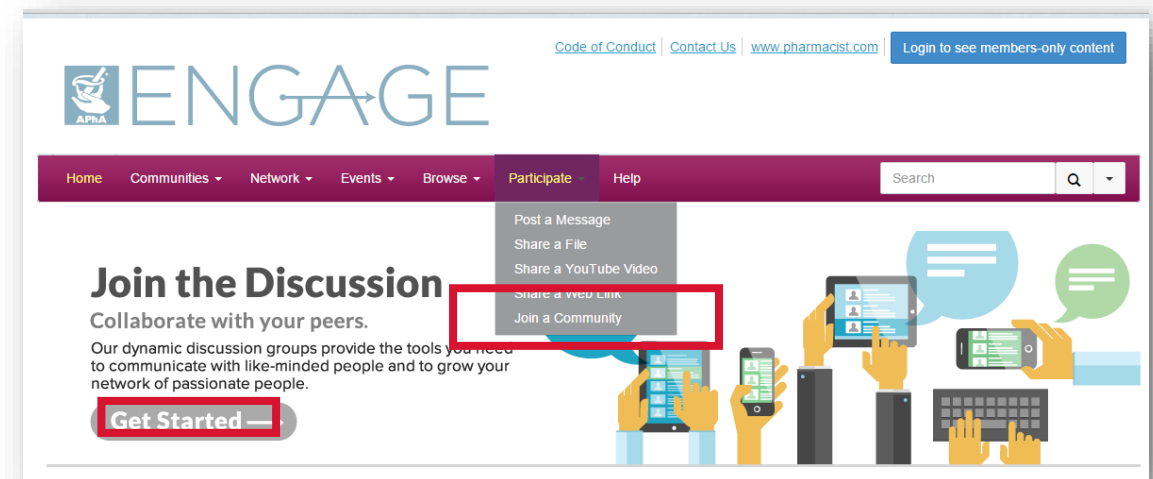
**Monday, March 15, 1:00 to 4:00pm**

# Continue the Conversation

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# Have a New Business Item?

New business items **due 30 days prior** to first HOD session

- February 10, 2021

Forms available at:

[New Business Item Link](#) or <https://www.pharmacist.com/HODresources>

- **\*The New Business Item Form will download as a word document**

Contact APhA staff with any questions ([hod@aphanet.org](mailto:hod@aphanet.org))

# Ideas for Future Policy Topics

Are there topics we should consider for the 2022 House of Delegates?

- **These are topics needing more development than through the new business process**
- **Tell us now in the chat 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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