

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

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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

November 6 – Special Session

Consideration of PRC report during Virtual House session

- PRC Chair will present the report as a block item for consideration
- Single vote cast by Delegates to pass complete report or suggested items are pulled from the full report
- Any items pulled from the full report are debated and voted upon separately

Potential Recommendations

- Retain
- Amend
- Archive
- Rescind

Reviewed **32** policy statements

- **Recommend to Retain – 8**
- **Recommend to Amend – 23**
- **Recommend to Archive – 0**
- **Recommend to Rescind – 1**

32 Total Recommendations for Action by the House

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #2

ACCOUNTABILITY OF PHARMACISTS: STATEMENT 2

2. APhA advocates that pharmacists be granted and accept authority, autonomy, and accountability for patient-centric actions to improve health and medication outcomes, in coordination with other health professionals, as appropriate.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #3

ACCOUNTABILITY OF PHARMACISTS: STATEMENT 4

4. APhA advocates for sustainable payment and attribution models to support pharmacists as accountable patient care providers.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #4

ACCOUNTABILITY OF PHARMACISTS: STATEMENT 5

5. APhA supports continued expansion of resources and health information infrastructures that empower pharmacists as accountable health care providers.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #9

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 5

5. APhA advocates for the adoption of pharmacy profession-developed, harmonized practice standards for specialized pharmacy practices, and specialty pharmacy services and products.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #11

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 7

7. APhA supports the availability of education and training for pharmacists and student pharmacists related to specialized pharmacy practices and specialty pharmacy services.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #18

INTEGRATED NATIONWIDE PRESCRIBING DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

1. APhA advocates for nationwide integration and uniformity of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP) that incorporate federal, state, and territory databases for the purpose of providing health care professionals with accurate and real-time information to assist in clinical decision making when providing patient care services related to controlled substances.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #20

PHARMACY TECHNCIANS ROLE IN IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – STATEMENT 1

1. APhA supports the development of standardized training in immunization administration and continuing education opportunities for immunizing pharmacy technicians.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to RETAIN – ITEM #22

PHARMACY TECHNCIANS ROLE IN IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – STATEMENT 3

3. APhA supports voluntary participation by pharmacy technicians in the training and provision of immunization administration.

Policy Review Committee – Retain

Recommend to Retain:

- Item 2
- Item 3
- Item 4
- Item 9
- Item 11
- Item 18
- Item 20
- Item 22

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #1

ACCOUNTABILITY OF PHARMACISTS: STATEMENT 1

1. APhA affirms pharmacists' professional accountability within their role in all practice settings.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 1

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #5

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 1

1. APhA recognizes that certain complex medications require more specialized care and resources. **Further,** ~~and~~ APhA asserts that delineation of medications as specialty versus non-specialty, and associated payer and manufacturer practices, may introduce ~~s-risk-of~~ continuity of care disruption, patient access issues, and financial inequities.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #6

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 2

2. APhA supports pharmacists and pharmacies that choosing choose to specialize or incorporate specialty pharmacy services into their practice ~~and provide enhanced patient care and other services~~ to optimize patient outcomes.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #7

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 3

3. APhA opposes payer policies and practices that limit patient choice of **qualified** pharmacy providers, disrupt continuity of care, or compromise patient safety through the creation of specialty drug lists, and restrictive specialty pharmacy networks.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #8

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 4

4. APhA opposes manufacturer distribution and related business practices that restrict patient or ~~and~~ pharmacy access to medications, medical products, and patient care services.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #10

SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND SPECIALIZED PHARMACY SERVICES: STATEMENT 6

6. APhA encourages increased availability and use of ~~clinical practice~~, data integration, patient financial assistance, and other resources to inform clinical practice and support the provision of specialized pharmacy practices and specialty pharmacy services.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 5
- Item 6
- Item 8
- Item 10

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #12

E-PRESCRIBING STANDARDIZATION

1. APhA supports laws and regulations that require e-prescribing of controlled substances to reduce ~~eliminate many types of~~ fraudulent prescriptions.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 12

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #14

COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACISTS AS PROVIDERS OF CARE – STATEMENT 2

2. APhA encourages the training and education of pharmacists and student pharmacists regarding identification, treatment, monitoring, documentation, follow-up, and referral for medical conditions that are ~~may be safely and effectively~~ treated by community-based pharmacists.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #15

COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACISTS AS PROVIDERS OF CARE – STATEMENT 3

3. APhA **strongly** advocates for laws and regulations that allow pharmacists to identify and manage medical conditions that are ~~may be safely and effectively~~ treated by community-based pharmacists.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #16

COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACISTS AS PROVIDERS OF CARE – STATEMENT 4

4. APhA **strongly** advocates for appropriate remuneration for the assessment and treatment of medical conditions that are ~~may be safely and effectively~~ treated by community-based pharmacists from government and private payers to ensure sustainability and access for patients.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #17

COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACISTS AS PROVIDERS OF CARE – STATEMENT 5

5. APhA supports research to examine the outcomes of services that focus on medical conditions that are ~~may be safely and effectively~~ treated by community-based pharmacists.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 14
- Item 15
- Item 16
- Item 17

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #19

COORDINATION OF THE PHARMACY AND MEDICAL BENEFIT

1. APhA supports coordination of patients' comprehensive pharmacy and medical benefits that allows for provision of and compensation for pharmacists' patient care services; aligns incentives to optimize patient outcomes; streamlines administrative processes; reduces overall health care costs and preserves patients' right to choose providers under their ~~for the~~ pharmacy and medical benefits.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 19

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – **Amend**

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #21

PHARMACY TECHNCIANS ROLE IN IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – STATEMENT 2

2.3 APhA supports immunizing pharmacist's individual discretion in delegating immunization administration to **qualified** pharmacy technicians with the requisite education, training, and experience.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #23

PHARMACY TECHNCIANS ROLE IN IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – STATEMENT 4

4. APhA supports the role of immunizing pharmacists as the healthcare professional providing clinical patient assessment, decision making, and patient counseling **for** ~~all~~ when delegating immunizations administration ~~ered by to~~ a pharmacy technician.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 21
- Item 23

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #24

TRANSFER OF SCHEDULE III-V PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF INITIAL FILL AS WELL AS REFILL

1. APhA supports regulations that would allow pharmacies to transfer prescriptions for controlled substances for the purposes of an initial fill ~~that the DEA update and amend Section IX (Valid Prescription Requirements) of the DEA's Manual and relevant administration rules concerning that a pharmacy can only transfer for "the purpose of a refill dispensing between pharmacies" to also include for the purposes of an initial fill.~~

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 24

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #25

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

1.2 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

2.1 APhA encourages pharmacies to maintain an inventory of ~~medications of public health importance, particularly medications~~ used in treatment of ~~for~~ 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

3.3 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

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #28

Human Immunodeficiency Virus HIV TESTING IN WOMEN

1. APhA encourages pharmacists to provide pharmaceutical care for ~~to~~ women, including education about the availability and benefits of opt-out Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing in prenatal and perinatal care, to decrease the risk of HIV transmission to unborn children and between partners. APhA encourages pharmacists to provide education about the availability and benefits of opt-out HIV testing in prenatal and perinatal care, including offering and/or performing testing to the patients and their partners.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 28

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #29

PROVIDING AFFORDABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE PHARMACY SERVICES TO THE UNDERSERVED – STATEMENT 1

1. APhA supports the expansion and increased sources of funding for pharmacies and ~~pharmacy~~ pharmacist-provided care services that serve the needs of underserved populations to provide better health outcomes and lower healthcare costs ~~for underserved populations.~~

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 29

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #30

NON-EXECUTION RELATED USE OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – STATEMENT 1

1. APhA opposes drug manufacturers' refusal to supply certain drugs to correctional health services units necessary to provide ~~for the purpose of~~ medical treatment of inmates. ~~APhA recognizes that this means of political advocacy prevents humane medical care from being provided to inmates.~~

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #31

NON-EXECUTION RELATED USE OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – STATEMENT 2

2. APhA advocates for inmates to have an opportunity, equal to that of non-inmates, to access medications that correctional healthcare providers deem medically necessary for appropriate and humane health care treatment.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to AMEND – ITEM #32

NON-EXECUTION RELATED USE OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – STATEMENT 3

3. APhA advocates for correctional healthcare providers to have ~~equal~~ opportunity, equal (as to non-correctional healthcare providers), to access, prescribe, and procure pharmaceuticals deemed necessary for medical treatment of inmates.

Policy Review Committee – Amend

Recommend to Amend:

- Item 30
- Item 31
- Item 32

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Rescind

Recommend to Rescind – ITEM #13

COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACISTS AS PROVIDERS OF CARE – STATEMENT 1

1. APhA encourages the continued development, distribution, and use of unit-of-use packaging as the industry standard to enhance patient safety, patient adherence, and efficiencies in drug distribution, and to reduce potential for counterfeiting

Policy Review Committee – Rescind

Recommend to Archive:

- **Item 13**

Time for Discussion

Policy Review Committee – Report

Overall Discussion

- ***Retain***
 - 8 statements
- ***Amend***
 - 23 statements
- ***Archive***
 - 0 statements
- ***Rescind***
 - 1 statement

Time for Discussion

House-keeping & Next Steps

Reminder: Sign-up as a delegate if you have not already done so!

- **Contact your state pharmacy association, APhA Academy, or affiliated organization.**

Friday, November 6, 2020 Special Session of the House

- www.aphameeting.org
- **1:00pm – 4:00pm ET**
- **Two open forums conducted on Oct. 22 and Oct 28 to review items being acted upon during the special session**
 - House Rules Review Committee Recommendations
 - Policy Review Committee Recommendations
- **Multiple Webinar Technology Test sessions scheduled**

Special Session Agenda

November 6, 2020 – VHOD – Special Session
Agenda 1:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Virtual Head Table
3. Review Voting Procedures and Virtual House Process
4. Speaker Update
5. Credentials Report*
6. Adoption of Agenda and Rules*
7. Consideration of House Rules Review Committee Report*
8. Consideration of Policy Review Committee Report – Part 2*
 - Policy review conducted on proposed amendments to 2020 adopted policy statements
9. Consideration of any Urgent New Business Items – Time Permitting*
10. Housekeeping Announcements
11. Recommendations from APhA Members
12. Closing Announcements
13. Adjournment of the Special Session

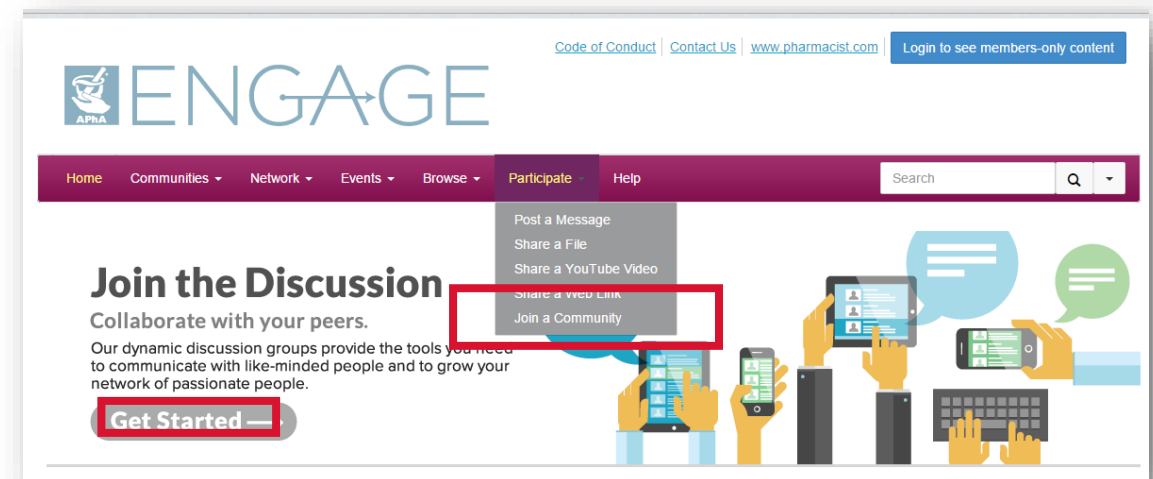
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New business items **due 30 days prior** to first HOD session

- February 10, 2021

Forms available at:

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

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