



INDEPENDENT *Link*

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National Community Pharmacists Association is Hosting its 2009 Annual Conference on National Legislation & Government Affairs May 11–13, 2009 • Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill • Washington, D.C.

—Work to Protect Your Business and Patients by Attending—

Make your views known on Capitol Hill! The leadership in Washington, D.C., needs to hear the voice of independent community pharmacy on specific pharmacy issues, and NCPA needs your participation! This is a trip worth making, for the opportunity to discuss community pharmacy issues on Capitol Hill with people who can make things happen. NCPA needs your help to educate them about and urge them to support:

- H.R. 616 and S. 511, which exempt pharmacists and pharmacies from Medicare DMEPOS accreditation requirements
- H.R. 1970, which exempts pharmacies from Medicare's DMEPOS surety bond requirements
- Legislation being developed to fix average manufacturer price (AMP) reimbursement in Medicaid, which must be addressed before October 1, 2009

Who Should Attend?

Community pharmacists and technicians who want to become politically active and advocate on behalf of the profession.

Gain insight into how the federal government will impact your business in years to come, and learn from political analysts, industry experts and fellow pharmacists about how to effectively engage in the political process to help build the "community pharmacy majority" necessary for legislative success.

Congress needs to understand the crucial role pharmacists play in helping to contain health care costs while ensuring quality care. As an NCPA Legislative Conference participant, you will have the opportunity to discuss community pharmacy issues with your U.S. Senators and Representative face to face and let them know firsthand what's happening to your patients and your pharmacy.

For information, including the conference brochure, hotel reservations, online registration and more, visit www.ncpanet.org/calendarncpa/2009legconf.php or call NCPA at 800-544-7447.

Experience has proven that our effectiveness is optimized when the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) is able to coordinate pharmacists' appointments with legislators. **If you are going to attend, PLEASE NOTIFY TPA BY APRIL 30, so that we may schedule appointments with your Senators and Representative.** Please complete the form below and fax it to TPA at 615-255-3528 or 800-214-2256. If you prefer, you may call 615-256-3023 or email karen@tnpharm.org. TPA will contact you with scheduling information. THANK YOU!

Name		Pharmacy/Company Name
Address		City/State/Zip
Phone	Fax	Email

Congressional Representative(s) You Plan to Visit

It's easy to join TPA or pay 2008 membership dues! Visit <https://secure.xo.com/tnpharm.org/index.shtml> or call TPA, 615.256.3023.

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