TPA Needs Your Help TODAY! Below are several important pieces of pharmacy-related legislation being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly. Please take a few minutes to contact your state legislators about the bills listed below!

Please email your state legislators through TPA’s Tennessee Pharmacists Legislative Action Network (T-PLAN) system [tnpharm.org/t-plan], OR go to [capitol.tn.gov/legislators] to look up the contact information for your elected state Representative and state Senator. (If you use T-PLAN to email your legislators, the system will automatically insert the correct addresses.)

MORE INFORMATION about the bills below, including bill summaries, links to legislation, committees, subcommittees and more, can be found at bit.ly/2oYgxb7.

PBM Licensing Through TN Dept of Commerce and Insurance

Action Needed: Please contact your state legislators TODAY and ask them to SUPPORT this important pharmacy initiative!

This legislation was passed by the full Senate unopposed (29-0) on March 12, 2018, and was passed by the House Insurance & Banking Committee yesterday. The House version will be heard by the full House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee next week!


Legislation: SB 1852 / HB 1857
Senate Sponsor(s): Haile, Crowe, Bell, Yager, Jackson
House Sponsor(s): Powers, Matlock, Keisling, Weaver

TAKE ACTION: votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/56940/respond

Professional Privilege Tax Repeal

Action Needed: Please contact your state legislators today and ask them to SUPPORT this important initiative!

TPA is supporting SB 364 by Kelsey, Roberts and HB 13 by Reedy, which would remove pharmacists and other professionals from the list of those required to pay the privilege tax. This legislation is currently being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly [legislature.state.tn.us].

Legislation: SB 364 / HB 13
Senate Sponsor(s): Kelsey, Roberts
House Sponsor(s): Reedy, White D, Matlock

TAKE ACTION: votervoice.net/TNPA/campaigns/50145/respond

Visit bit.ly/2oYgxb7 for more information about all of the bills on this page.

Governor Haslam's TN Together Opioid Reform

Governor Haslam’s TN Together legislation, with TPA’s amendments included, has been passed by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health Committee and is moving through the legislature. The state has prepared an infographic [bit.ly/22Jtz4j] summarizing the amended legislation. TPA has also prepared a summary of the amended legislation below.

Legislation: HB 1831 / SB 2257
Senate Sponsor(s): Norris, Haile, Yager
House Sponsor(s): Hawk, Casada, Kumar

National-Level Legislative Priorities

Action Needed: Please contact your US Representative and US Senators TODAY and ask them to SUPPORT these important pharmacy initiatives!

• Ban on Retroactive Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Fees (HR 1038 / S. 413)
• Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency Act (HR 1316)
• Pharmacists as Providers (HR 592 / S. 109)
• Federal “Any Willing Pharmacy” Statute (HR 1939 / S. 1034)
dispensing, for the duration of time the controlled substance is dispensed to that patient.

**Prescriber Documentation Requirements:**
- Requires prescribers to document specific elements prior to prescribing opioids, including informed consent and reasons for prescribing opioids.
- Dispensers have been removed from above documentation requirements.

**Opioid Prescriptions Written for 3-Day Supply or Less:**
- No required CSMD checks for prescribers or dispensers.
- No additional documentation requirements or partial fill restrictions.
- ICD-10 Codes are not required to be written on prescriptions.
- Maximum of 180 cumulative morphine milligram equivalents (MME).

**Non-Exempt Opioid Prescriptions:**
- Must be partially filled with no more than a 5-day supply (for a 10-day prescription), or partially filled with no more than half the prescribed day supply limit (for prescriptions written for more than 10 days).
- ICD-10 Codes (and “medical necessity” or “surgery”, if applicable) must be written on all non-exempt opioid prescriptions.
- General script limits: No more than a 10-day supply and a maximum of 500 cumulative MME.
- Surgery: No more than a 20-day supply and a maximum of 850 cumulative MME.
- Medical necessity: No more than a 30-day supply and a maximum of 1,200 cumulative MME.

**Exempt Opioid Prescriptions:**
- Partial fill requirements do not apply.
- MME limits do not apply.
- ICD-10 Codes and “Exempt” must be written on all Exempt Opioid Prescriptions.
- Exempt conditions: active or palliative cancer treatment, hospice care, diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease, inpatients of a licensed healthcare facility, patients seen by pain management specialists, patients treated with opioid dispensing, for the duration of time the controlled substance is dispensed to that patient.

**Governor Haslam’s TN Together Opioid Reform — CONTINUED**

**Pharmacist Anti-Gag Clause:** Voids agreements which limit the pharmacists’ ability to discuss any issue related to the dispensing of a controlled substance, including risks, effects, and characteristics of the controlled substance; what to expect and how the controlled substance should be used; reasonable alternatives to controlled substance; and any applicable cost sharing for a controlled substance or any amount an individual would pay for a controlled substance if that individual were paying cash.

**Effective Date:** This law would become effective on July 1, 2018. However, the partial fill requirements of this law are not mandatory prior to January 1, 2019, for dispensers who have not updated the dispenser’s software system.

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**2nd Webinar Opportunity—**
**Tennessee MTM in Medicaid Pilot Program: How to Obtain a TennCare Medicaid Provider ID Number**

**MARCH 28, 2018**  
12:00 pm CDT / 1:00 pm EDT  
(1 hour, 15 minutes)

There is no charge for this informational webinar, and no continuing education credits will be provided.

TennCare is rolling out a second complimentary webinar designed to help pharmacists learn more about enrolling and participating in Tennessee’s MTM in Medicaid Pilot Program.

The infographic at [tnpharm.org/mtm_medicaid_infographic](http://tnpharm.org/mtm_medicaid_infographic) provides a quick look at Tennessee’s MTM in Medicaid Pilot Program, now recognized nationally as an innovative model for increasing patient access to pharmacist-provided care and incorporating pharmacists into Medicaid programs as medical providers. Additional information is available from TPA [tnpharm.org/mtm-medicaid](http://tnpharm.org/mtm-medicaid) and the State of Tennessee [bit.ly/2F9M9os](http://bit.ly/2F9M9os).

- **Webinar Date and Time:**  
  Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
  12:00 pm-1:15 pm CDT / 1:00 pm -2:15 pm EDT
- **Meeting Number:** 646 541 142
- **Meeting Password:** FG9ZYKPj
- **Add to Calendar:** [bit.ly/2DL9RkZ](http://bit.ly/2DL9RkZ)
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  - +1-415-655-0003 US TOLL
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