



Tennessee Pharmacists Association Resolutions

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RESOLUTION TPA 09.01

To Further Efforts by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association to Be Environmentally Conservative in Providing Member Services

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association strives to be environmentally conservative and is fully aware of efforts across the United States to reduce the consumption of paper and other disposable products by utilizing alternative resources, electronic or otherwise; and,

WHEREAS, the monies and resources entrusted to the Tennessee Pharmacists Association by its members have been and will continue to be used to further its Mission; and,

WHEREAS, technological resources allow information to be disseminated to the Tennessee Pharmacists Association membership through members-only information sharing systems, including, but not limited to electronic, disc, or internet methods; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recognizes the significant time and resources expended annually to provide paper documents to its members as a service throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, given the small number of Tennessee Pharmacists Association employees, utilizing alternative methods to disseminate information may allow for a more efficient allocation of staff time and resources in support of its membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recognizes that some members prefer paper materials be provided to them, and that these materials may be provided to those members at their request for a reasonable fee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association will strive to be more conservative in its use of natural resources when supporting its membership, where possible and appropriate; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association form an ad hoc committee to assess member needs and explore environmentally friendly approaches to supporting the membership in the most expeditious and cost-effective ways possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this committee be charged with developing specific goals and with continuing to meet and develop ideas until the intent of this resolution has been accomplished.

Submitted by Beauman Dick
July 14, 2009

As amended by Resolutions Committee
July 19, 2009

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RESOLUTION TPA 08.02

To Mark the 125th Anniversary of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association

WHEREAS, the organization now known as the Tennessee Pharmacists Association was founded in 1884 to unite the profession of pharmacy with one voice to guard against "unjust taxation" and to "enact pharmacy law" in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the pharmacists of Tennessee and the patients they serve have benefited from efforts of the organization during the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries; and,

WHEREAS, the Association has continued steadfastly in uniting the voice of pharmacy throughout the dynamic evolution to the diverse professional practices and services of today and has successfully included all practices of pharmacy in the organization; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association has been a leader in improving pharmacy practice and an advocate for the pharmacy profession both in the state and nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the staff, leadership, and membership of the Association have continuously and diligently ensured that the profession of pharmacy provides high quality, safe pharmaceutical care and optimal health outcomes to the citizens it serves; and,

WHEREAS, the staff, leadership and membership of the Association have worked for more than a century with elected state and national legislators to guarantee the citizens served by the profession can receive these services; and,

WHEREAS, the Association provides extraordinary support and opportunities for future leaders of the profession who will continue the commitment of yesterday and prepare for the challenges of tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the House of Delegates of the 121st Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recognize 2009 as the Quasquicentennial Anniversary of the founding of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the year 2009 be dedicated to celebrating both the history and future of this professional organization; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the staff, leadership, and membership of the entire 125 years be recognized and commended for "Preserving the past and planning for the future"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be properly framed and hung in the Association Office in Nashville and a copy be published in the publications of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted by
The Quasquicentennial Anniversary Committee

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RESOLUTION TPA 08.01 Postgraduate Residency Training

WHEREAS, Pharmacists engaged in clinical practice must assume responsibility and accountability for managing drug therapy in direct patient care settings; and,

WHEREAS, Pharmacy leaders have embraced the vision that, by the year 2020, virtually all pharmacists in the United States will be providing direct patient care; and,

WHEREAS, Effective direct patient care requires development of knowledge, skills, attitudes and competencies that are best refined in the completion of a postgraduate pharmacy residency that builds on the knowledge, skills, attitudes and competencies obtained in completion of an entry-level pharmacy degree; and,

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are increasingly recognized by payors and compensated as providers of direct patient care; and,

WHEREAS, Regulatory and other agencies will demand indicators of “credentials” that demonstrate pharmacist qualifications and support pharmacist privileging relating to provision of direct patient care; and,

WHEREAS, Both the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) have adopted resolutions that affirm that, by the year 2020, residency training should become a prerequisite for (new practitioner) pharmacists to enter into direct patient care positions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists’ Association supports professional activities to encourage student pharmacists to pursue residency training and to encourage pharmacists to develop or expand quality residency training programs in Tennessee.

Submitted by Tennessee Society of Health System Pharmacists

Executive Committee

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Proposed Amended Language

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RESOLUTION TPA 07.03

Implementation of new Medicaid Rule for AMP-based FULs

WHEREAS, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) requires every state Medicaid pharmacy program to follow a new Medicaid drug payment rule; and,

WHEREAS, the DRA established a new Federal Upper Limit (FUL) calculation, which is the maximum the federal government will pay to states in federal matching funds or federal financial participation (FFP) for multi-source drugs (generics) dispensed through state Medicaid programs; and,

WHEREAS, this new payment rule requires the Medicaid FULs to be calculated based on 250% of the lowest average manufacturer price (AMP) in a generic drug class rather than on 150% of the lowest price published in the national compendia; and,

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that this change will reduce Medicaid expenditures for FUL drugs by \$3.6 billion over 5 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Study results, released in June 2007, concluded that nineteen of the twenty-five selected high expenditure drugs studied had estimated average pharmacy acquisition costs that would be below the new FUL amounts; and twelve of these nineteen drugs had average pharmacy acquisition costs that would be more than double the new limits; and,

WHEREAS, utilization of multi-source drugs (generics) results in delivery of high quality, cost-effective prescription services and savings for Medicaid pharmacy programs and both state and federal governments; and,

WHEREAS, the average generic prescription utilization rate in Medicaid programs in this country is 55%, and, in TennCare, the generic prescription utilization rate far exceeds this percentage and has resulted in significant savings for the TennCare Prescription Program; and,

WHEREAS, cutting reimbursement to below cost for multi-source drugs results in a disincentive for dispensing these cost-effective drugs; and,

WHEREAS, cutting reimbursement to below cost will force pharmacies to make independent business decisions that may force them from state Medicaid networks, resulting in a loss of access to prescription services and care; and,

WHEREAS, access to prescription care enables patient compliance with their prescription regimen, which helps ensure positive health outcomes for patients and overall savings for Medicaid; and,

WHEREAS, lack of access to prescription care will drive up Medicaid costs due to increased doctor visits, emergency room treatment and long-term care costs; and,

WHEREAS, the new Medicaid FUL drug payment rule declares that states may pay above or below the FUL for individual drug classes and still receive the full FFP, as long as overall payments for multi-source drugs subject to an FUL are under the annual aggregate cap; and,

WHEREAS, while CMS is required by law to establish an FUL for multi-source drug payments, states retain the authority to set their own reimbursement levels and dispensing fees paid to pharmacies; and



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WHEREAS, recognizing that the new FULs could result in some reduction in drug ingredient payment to pharmacies, CMS is actively encouraging states to evaluate whether the fees they pay pharmacies are adequate to compensate them for their costs in dispensing these multi-source drug prescriptions; and,

WHEREAS, the final rule provides for a new definition of "dispensing fees" to allow for fees which cover the pharmacy's costs of dispensing the drug, including overhead and profit; and,

WHEREAS, in order to adjust dispensing fees, state Medicaid programs must submit a state plan amendment for federal approval; and,

WHEREAS, dispensing fees receive a full federal match and are not limited by the new FULs; and,

WHEREAS, the 2005 *NOPA-Pfizer Digest* found that the cost of dispensing was \$9.24; and,

WHEREAS, the TennCare pharmacy dispensing fee of \$3.00 per multi-source drug prescription is among the lowest in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the TennCare pharmacy dispensing fee for prescriptions does not include an amount for profit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) urges the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Bureau of TennCare working with members of the Tennessee General Assembly to develop and implement a plan for a fair and reasonable formula for reimbursement to pharmacies for multi-source prescriptions dispensed to TennCare patients to ensure continued maximum use of these cost-effective therapies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, TPA requests that the Bureau of TennCare plan for setting state Maximum Allowable Costs for individual multi-source drug products take into account the provision that states may pay above or below the FUL for individual drug classes, as long as the overall payments for drugs subject to an FUL are under the annual aggregate cap; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the TPA requests that the Bureau of TennCare plan for setting the dispensing fee for multi-source drug prescriptions take into account the provision that the final rule provides for a new definition of dispensing fees which includes the pharmacy's costs of dispensing the drug, as well as overhead and profit; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the TPA urges the state of Tennessee to submit the required state plan amendment for adjustment of dispensing fees for federal approval, such that the new reimbursement formula can be implemented by the time the new AMP based FULs are implemented.

Submitted by TPA Resolution Committee

July 27, 2007

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RESOLUTION TPA 07.02

Development of New Pharmacy Schools in Tennessee

WHEREAS, four universities are currently in various stages of developing new colleges of pharmacy in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has increased class size from 125 to 200 students, expected to graduate in 2010, and the East Tennessee State University College of Pharmacy has opened and admitted its first class of 72 students, expected to graduate in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the number of graduates from the University of Tennessee and the East Tennessee State University Colleges of Pharmacy (from the current 125 to 275 in 2010) will represent a 120% increase in pharmacy graduates in Tennessee by 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of graduates of all colleges of pharmacy in the United States in 2006 was slightly over 8,200, and the projected number of graduates from those existing colleges of pharmacy in 2010 will be over 12,000 which represents a 50% increase of graduates by 2010; and,

WHEREAS, four new colleges of pharmacy in Tennessee could potentially increase the number of graduates in Tennessee an additional 250 to 300 per year, making a total of 525 to 575 graduates, which is more than a 400% increase of pharmacy graduates in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy has only licensed an average of 251 pharmacists by NAPLEX examination over the past five years, and 160 by reciprocity, for a total of 411 licenses per year, demonstrating this projected increase in graduates would be larger than the current demand for pharmacists in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the average number of Tennessee resident applicants to the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy over the past 4 years has remained static and has averaged 299 per year, representing a 5% of the applicant pool this past year; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University can adequately meet the current needs for the average number of Tennessee residents applying to colleges of pharmacy; and the majority of Tennessee applicants to colleges of pharmacy with strong GPAs and strong PCAT scores are able to gain acceptance into the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University; and,

WHEREAS, the expansion of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and opening of the East Tennessee State University College of Pharmacy will utilize more than twice the current number of professional practice clinical rotation sites within 2 years, and many of these institutional-based rotations place increased demands on institutions whose pharmacies have had to limit the numbers of students with the additional and expanded Joint Commission standards for accreditation of hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, many new and some existing colleges of pharmacy nationwide are already having great difficulty in identifying quality clinical rotation sites, the proposed new colleges of pharmacy in Tennessee will have to compete for the limited number of existing clinical rotations sites in Tennessee, which could have the potential of negatively affecting the quality of both existing and new colleges of pharmacy; and,



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WHEREAS, the new accreditation standards of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) mandate an advanced institutional rotation for all students, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) has expressed concern about the ability of member institutions nationally to accommodate both the increasing numbers of students and this new ACPE requirement for advanced institutional rotations; and,

WHEREAS, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) has documented a national shortage of pharmacy faculty; and many new and existing colleges of pharmacy are having difficulty in attracting and retaining faculty members; and,

WHEREAS, both the shortage of pharmacy faculty and the need for a significant increase in the number of rotation experiences that will be required for the increasing number of students in colleges of pharmacy in the United States have the potential to negatively affect the quality of all pharmacy educational programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association continue to support high quality pharmacy education for all colleges of pharmacy in Tennessee, based on the colleges having adequate resources, including faculty and clinical rotation sites, to offer curricula which will graduate strong practitioners with the skills and abilities to provide advanced patient care; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association communicate its position to ACPE and encourage ACPE to continue to assure that all colleges of pharmacy, including those in Tennessee, meet all the accreditation standards in order to ensure the offering of high quality pharmacy education to all students enrolled in those colleges; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recommend that all applicable accrediting bodies, including accrediting entities for higher education, take a more active role in monitoring the accreditation status of schools and colleges of pharmacy, and that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association further recommend that these entities examine the communications of schools and colleges of pharmacy, including all printed recruitment materials and all information on their websites, to ensure the accurate disclosure of their accreditation status and its implication to current and prospective students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association work with the leadership of all colleges of pharmacy in Tennessee to express its support of high quality pharmacy education, which will support the TPA mission of "ensuring delivery of quality pharmaceutical care as a means of protecting and enhancing the public health" and making pharmacy "an integral component of the health care delivery system"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association work with the colleges of pharmacy and other professional entities to explore pharmacy manpower needs in Tennessee, including the possible need for a pharmacy manpower analysis and study specific to Tennessee, and to seek funding for such a study if needed.

Submitted by Jim Eoff
June 15, 2007

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RESOLUTION TPA 07.01

Promotion of the Tennessee Universal Medication List

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association appointed an ad hoc Continuum of Care Committee in 2006 to develop a Universal Medication List, as one of several objectives toward achieving the goal of improving medication safety in Tennessee by providing a universally consistent process for communicating vital patient information regarding medications and allergies across the continuum of care; and,

WHEREAS, the Continuum of Care Committee has performed due diligence in the development of the Tennessee Universal Medication List, obtaining collaboration with other healthcare providers in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Universal Medication List is now available on the Tennessee Pharmacists Association web site for download access at no cost by the public in both English and Spanish; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee pharmacists should take the lead in promoting the use of the Universal Medication List as a tool to communicate patient medication information across the continuum of care;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tennessee pharmacists are encouraged to make the Universal Medication List available in their pharmacies and promote use of the list with their patients; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pharmacists are encouraged, where possible, to maintain an electronic medication list for their patients, incorporate the components of the Universal Medication List into their electronic system, and provide their patients with a printed, up-to-date list, so that patients may carry it at all times; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pharmacists are encouraged to incorporate use of the Universal Medication List in their Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pharmacists are encouraged to communicate with physicians in their local area to promote the use of the Universal Medication List; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pharmacists are encouraged to send facsimiles of the Universal Medication List to their patients' other healthcare providers to communicate across the continuum of care; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pharmacists are encouraged to share the Universal Medication List with local newspapers to help make the public aware of this medication safety initiative in Tennessee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that colleges of pharmacy are encouraged to incorporate use of the Universal Medication List in the experiential curriculum and in pharmacy student community service activities, such as health fairs.

Submitted by Jeanne R. Ezell for the TPA ad hoc Continuum of Care Committee
January 10, 2007

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RESOLUTION TPA 06.4

To Support the Election of a Tennessee Board of Pharmacy Director with Appropriate Qualifications and Salary as Determined by the Board

WHEREAS, TCA 63-10-301 creates a Board of Pharmacy in the state of Tennessee charged with enforcing in Tennessee all laws that pertain to the practice of pharmacy in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, TCA 63-10-303 requires that the Board of Pharmacy have a director who is a pharmacist; and,

WHEREAS, TCA 63-10-303 also requires that the director be elected by the members of the Board of Pharmacy and that the director receive a salary which shall be fixed by the Board of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, state law requires all regulatory boards in Tennessee to be totally self-funded; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy has operated over the past several years in such a manner that the Board has reserves in excess of one million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Pharmacy has the authority to set the fees for all licensees and registrants in order to provide adequate funding for Board of Pharmacy operations; and,

WHEREAS, the previous Director of the Board of Pharmacy, Kendall Lynch, left the Board of Pharmacy on December 31, 2005 requiring the Board of Pharmacy to elect a new Director and set a salary for the new Director; and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board of Pharmacy, through its officers and employees, to enforce all the laws of the state pertaining to the practice of pharmacy, the manufacture, distribution or sale of drugs, and the medication use process including: compounding, selection, preparation/production, dispensing/distribution, patient administration, education and monitoring of drugs, devices, chemicals or poisons; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Pharmacy regulates over 7,000 licenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the board must have extensive knowledge and expertise regarding pharmacy practice in order to lead the Board of Pharmacy and its employees in carrying out the responsibilities designated to the Board of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Board must have the experience

and skills necessary to develop and present educational programs to licensees, to assist the Board in the development of rules to regulate the ever changing practice of pharmacy and, to represent the Board on state and national committees and organizations, including the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently a nationwide shortage of pharmacists; and,

WHEREAS, the average starting salary for members of the 2006 University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy graduates is \$98,970; and,

WHEREAS, every pharmacist hired by any Tennessee state agency in the past several years has been hired at a starting salary in accordance with current pharmacist marketplace salary ranges; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy has conducted a survey to determine the salary of the chief executive officer of the pharmacy regulatory body in the other southeastern states; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy has taken all these factors into consideration when electing its director and setting the salary for its director; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association urges the Department of Commerce and Insurance to support and implement the decisions made by the members of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, those decisions having been made in accordance with the Tennessee Pharmacy Practice Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association respectfully requests the Governor of the State of Tennessee to support those decisions and to implement those decisions as soon as possible to assure the pharmacists in Tennessee the most qualified applicant, as determined by the members of the Board of Pharmacy, is hired as the Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy.

*Submitted by
Tennessee Pharmacists
Association Board of Directors
July 22, 2006*

Recommended by Resolutions Committee, July 23, 2006

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RESOLUTION TPA 06.3

To Honor and Express Appreciation to David Pesterfield, Pharmacy Plus Programs and Braden's Furniture

WHEREAS, David Pesterfield has served the profession of pharmacy since 1980, when he joined Chapman Drug Company as Chief Financial Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pesterfield has continued his support as President of Chapman Drug Company, Division of Cardinal Health, from 1991 to 1993; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pesterfield was instrumental in founding Pharmacy Plus Programs in 1996 and continues to serve as its President; and,

WHEREAS, Pharmacy Plus Programs has supported and continues to support the profession through innovative programs, many of which have helped prepare pharmacists to practice under new requirements such as HIPAA and Medicare Part D; and,

WHEREAS, as a corporate sponsor of the annual Tennessee Pharmacists Association MidYear Legislative Reception, Pharmacy Plus Programs has made it possible for members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association to form important relationships and discuss issues with many members of the legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pesterfield, as Chief Financial Officer of Braden's Furniture of Knoxville, Tennessee, since 1993, helped make it possible for Pharmacy Plus Programs to purchase and donate office furniture for the reception area and conference room at the Tennessee Pharmacists Association office;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association honor and express their sincere appreciation to David Pesterfield for his many years of dedication and service to and support of the profession of pharmacy and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association honor and express their sincere appreciation to David Pesterfield, Pharmacy Plus Programs, and Braden's Furniture for providing the elegant furnishings for the TPA office; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be properly framed and presented to David Pesterfield; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an engraved plaque be displayed in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association office recognizing the contributions of David Pesterfield, Pharmacy Plus Programs, and Braden's Furniture.

*Submitted by Sherry Mill
on behalf of the 2005-2006 Tennessee Pharmacists
Association Board of Directors*

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RESOLUTION TPA 06.2

To Honor and Express Congratulations to Kendall M. Lynch, D.Ph., on his Meritorious Service as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy

WHEREAS, Kendall M. Lynch, D.Ph. has served Tennesseans as a pharmacist since his graduation from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1962; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch served admirably as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy from October 1995, until December 31, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch contributed greatly to the advancement and improvement of the profession of pharmacy in his capacity as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch served the pharmacists of Tennessee, as well as the pharmacists of the nation, by serving on committees and representing Tennessee on a national level with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch, through his demeanor, and compassion, and actions, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, has promoted the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy as an agency of help and support for the pharmacists of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch worked with recovering pharmacists across Tennessee to help them become productive members of the pharmacy community, through his efforts with the Tennessee Pharmacists Recovery Network; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch's efforts have significantly contributed to the pharmacists of Tennessee being respected and honored throughout the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch has earned the respect and admiration of members of the profession of pharmacy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association honor and express their sincere congratulations and appreciation to Kendall M. Lynch, D.Ph., upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, for his many years of service to the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and its members, to the profession of pharmacy, and all pharmacists in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Association thank Dr. Lynch for his friendship, humor, and devotion to the pharmacy profession and its practitioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be properly prepared and presented to Dr. Kendall M. Lynch.

*Submitted by
Reggie Dilliard on behalf of all members
of the Board of Pharmacy, both past and present,
who have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Lynch.*



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RESOLUTION TPA 05.5

To Call for A New State Contract for “Safety Net” Pharmacy Services

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, has executed a \$57 million contract with Express Scripts, Inc., for the provision of “safety net” medications and related pharmaceutical assistance programs for patients disenrolled from TennCare; and,

WHEREAS, these contracted services were not procured through a competitive bid process; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee pharmacists were not given the opportunity to offer input or advice to the Administration regarding alternative options available to provide “safety net” pharmacy services in the most cost- effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, and Express Scripts, Inc., results in more than \$23.6 million dollars being needlessly sent outside of the State of Tennessee, negatively impacting the Tennessee economy; and,

WHEREAS, the contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, and Express Scripts, Inc., does not require the return of one hundred percent(100%) of all pharmaceutical rebates associated with the purchase of prescription drugs for disenrolled TennCare members to the State or require transparency from the Contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the provision of the “safety net” pharmacy services for Medicare-eligible disenrollees potentially provides an unfair marketing advantage to Express Scripts, Inc., for future Medicare Part D pharmacy services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association demand the contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, and Express Scripts, Inc., (contract FA-06-16458-00) be terminated in ninety(90)days, without cause, to allow sufficient time for an RFP (request for proposal) to be developed, released, evaluated and awarded by the State of Tennessee in order to competitively procure a new contract for the provision of “Safety Net” pharmacy services. The development process for the RFP should include input from Tennessee pharmacists and the contract should be designed to maximize the collection and return of drug rebates to the State and assure complete transparency by the successful bidder.



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RESOLUTION TPA 05.4

To Expand Designated Seats in the TPA House of Delegates

WHEREAS, the Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy holds a designated seat in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently twelve (12) designated seats in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates; and,

WHEREAS, a new school of pharmacy has been approved at East Tennessee State University and is projected to open in the Fall of 2006; and,

WHEREAS, South College in Knoxville, Tennessee, has announced its intention to open a school of pharmacy in the Summer/Fall of 2007; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that each college of pharmacy in the state of Tennessee be actively engaged with the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and have an active member in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the designated seats in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates be expanded to include the Dean of any new college of pharmacy in Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Dean(s) will assume his/her seat(s) in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates when the respective college has received pre-candidate status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

*Submitted by
Dick R. Gourley, Pharm.D., Dean
University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy
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RESOLUTION TPA 05.3

To Observe the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the TPA Women's Auxiliary

WHEREAS, during the twentieth annual meeting of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association on July 19, 1905, at Bon Aqua Springs, Tennessee, the Women's Auxiliary of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association was organized; and,

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary has met every year during the annual meetings of the Association; and,

WHEREAS, the membership has been composed of the spouses of the pharmacist members of the Association and others interested in the Profession; and,

WHEREAS, for many years there were component societies representing the regions of Tennessee, who have not only met, but assisted in the planning of the state meetings as well as many other civic projects; and,

WHEREAS, both these societies and the state organization have supported projects in drug education, scholarships for pharmacy students and many other civic projects, too numerous to mention, that have enhanced the profession for the past one hundred years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 118th Annual Convention meeting at Orange Beach, Alabama do commend the past and present members of the Auxiliary for their efforts to advance and support the Pharmacy Profession in Tennessee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be properly framed and hung in the Association Office in Nashville, a copy be published in the publications of the TPA and copies be distributed to members of the Auxiliary who desire them.

*Submitted by
Tom C. Sharp, Jr., D.Ph.,
June 15, 2005*

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RESOLUTION TPA 05.2 Patient Medication List

WHEREAS, optimal medication use and medication safety throughout the continuum of care are goals to be pursued by all pharmacists; and,

WHEREAS, optimal medication use and medication safety are dependent upon availability of complete and accurate patient information; and,

WHEREAS, the quality of care provided to patients in the current healthcare system suffers from lack of a system that allows patient health information to be readily available to all providers of healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, many patients do not carry an up-to-date list of all medications they are taking and history of allergies and adverse events and reactions they have experienced in the past; and,

WHEREAS, electronic information systems, with appropriate security controls, would enable the integration of patient specific data in all components of a healthcare system; and,

WHEREAS, a new Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Patient Safety Goal requires health systems to reconcile patient medications at admission and discharge; and,

WHEREAS, with the new Medicare Part D benefit, it is imperative that pharmacists have access to and continually update the medication records of our patients.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association support the development and use of standardized web-based technology and electronic information systems with appropriate security controls that enable the integration of patient-specific data and that provides access to patient information needed for appropriate medication management across the continuum of care, including access by pharmacists in all patient care settings; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, until such electronic information systems are readily available to support this access to patient-specific medication information, all pharmacists in Tennessee are urged to provide their patients with a printed medication profile; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all pharmacists in Tennessee encourage their patients to carry an up-to-date medication and allergy list with them at all times to be available at entry and exit from all healthcare encounters; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourages local area pharmacists across Tennessee to work together to develop and implement a system to share patient medication information across the continuum of care.

*Submitted by
Jeanne R. Ezell, D.Ph., M.S.
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RESOLUTION TPA 05.1

To Honor and Express Congratulations to Albert H. Price, D.Ph.

WHEREAS, Dr. Albert H. Price has served the community as a pharmacist since his graduation from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1963; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price has served hospitalized pediatric patients in the Memphis area for forty-two years, first as a staff pharmacist (1963-1965) and then as the Director of Pharmacy at LeBonheur (1965-Present); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price has served as the Director for the LeBonheur Poison Control Center from 1965 to 1977, and as Administrator of the Southern Poison Center from 1982 to 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price has served as preceptor for the UT College of Pharmacy from 1972 to present, and serves on the Admissions Committee for the College; and,

WHEREAS, the pharmacy at LeBonheur has served as the principal pediatrics education site for the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy for the past 30 years, training over 80 residents and fellows; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price prepared the first pediatric total parenteral nutrition solution east of the Mississippi roughly 35 years ago, went on to develop an inpatient and outpatient pediatric Total Parenteral Nutrition program, and set the process in motion for the creation of PharmaThera Home Infusion Company and Southern Health Systems; and,

WHEREAS, over the years of his practice, Dr. Price has served his profession in many ways, including serving as the president of the Memphis and Shelby County Pharmaceutical Society and the Memphis Area Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and chairing and serving on committees for the Tennessee Society of Health-System Pharmacists; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price was awarded the Tennessee Society of Health-System Pharmacists "Pharmacist of the Year" award in 1982 and the "Distinguished Service Award" in 1991 in recognition of his contributions to the Society and to the profession; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Price was awarded the Tennessee Hospital Association "Award of Excellence" in 2004, for his contributions to the development and growth of one of the nation's most well-known and respected pediatric pharmacy programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association honor and express its sincere congratulations and appreciation to Albert H. Price, D.Ph., upon his retirement, for his many years of outstanding service to the profession of pharmacy, to pediatric pharmacy practice, to the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and the Tennessee Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and to the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

*Submitted by
James D. Cathey, D.Ph., MPA
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TPA RESOLUTION 04.7

To Express Congratulations to William E. Evans, Pharm.D

WHEREAS, William E. Evans, Pharm.D., has been appointed the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital effective November 1, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is the first pharmacist to hold the CEO office at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the only pharmacist who holds the CEO position at any leading cancer research institute in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has served the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in a variety of capacities since 1976, including: Scientific Director, Executive Vice President, Deputy Director, and Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans for the past 25 years has explored the genetic and biochemical mechanisms for inter-individual differences in drug disposition and response and that through his research he has brought significant recognition to the profession of pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is an internationally recognized research scientist and expert in the areas of pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenomics of anticancer agents and has authored over 300 scientific articles and books; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans was the first pharmacist to receive a National Cancer Institutes Merit Award from the National Institutes of Health in 1987-1995, and a second NIH - NCI Merit Award in 1995-2005 for his scientific research contributions; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is a member of many Scientific and Professional Organizations including the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and has been elected as a Fellow in the following organizations: the American College of Clinical Pharmacology (1980), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (1985), the American Association for Advancement of Science (1986), and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (1991); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has been recognized by the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics with their Leon Goldberg Research Award in 1991; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has been recognized by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy with their Russell R. Miller Research Award in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has been recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy with their Volwiler Research Achievement Award in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has been recognized by the American Pharmacists Association with their Research Achievement Award in 1996 and their Tyler Award for Stimulation of Research in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is a native of Clarksville, Tennessee, and was encouraged to study pharmacy and mentored by a close family friend, local pharmacist, and past Board of Pharmacy member, Charlie Warren; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans received his B.S. in Pharmacy and Pharm.D. degrees from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1973 and 1974; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has served the University of Tennessee in a variety of capacities since his appointment to the faculty in 1974, including chair of Department of Clinical Pharmacy from 1983-1991; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has held the position of Director of the Center of Excellence of Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy since 1986; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans has held the position of First Tennessee Chair of Excellence in Pharmacy and Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine since 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans will receive the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus Award in September 2004; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association expresses its sincere congratulations to William

E. Evans, Pharm.D., for his appointment as CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and for his outstanding achievements as a research scientist, and appreciation for the recognition and positive contributions to the profession of pharmacy and for his many years of service to the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

*Submitted by
James Eoff, Pharm.D.
and Dick Gourley, Pharm.D.
on behalf of the UT College of Pharmacy
June 11, 2004*

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TPA RESOLUTION 04.6

Support for the Governor's Task Force on Methamphetamine Abuse

WHEREAS, the availability of and demand for illicit methamphetamine is dramatically increasing throughout the State of Tennessee, according to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration; and,

WHEREAS, clandestine methamphetamine labs can be found throughout Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration estimates 75 percent of all methamphetamine lab seizures in the southeastern United States are found in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of all methamphetamine lab seizures in the Appalachian area affect children, averaging more than 600 children annually, endangering their well-being and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the children affected in these cases must be placed in the protective custody of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services which costs the state approximately \$4 million in childcare expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the toxicity of substances involved in manufacturing methamphetamine is causing property damage costs to escalate annually; and,

WHEREAS, many city and county government officials have sought help in controlling the illicit manufacture, sale, and use of methamphetamine, and in regulating the retail purchase of pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Phil Bredesen has named twenty Tennesseans from across the state, including two practicing Tennessee pharmacists, to serve on the

Governor's Task Force on Methamphetamine Abuse, and has named twelve additional individuals as ex-officio members to act as advisors; and,

WHEREAS, this Task Force is charged with developing a comprehensive strategy for addressing the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Task Force plans to meet throughout the summer to fulfill its charge and prepare its report due to the Governor by September 1, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and security of the citizens of Tennessee must be protected from the harm that results from the illicit manufacture, sale and use of methamphetamine.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association pledge to work cooperatively with the Governor's Task Force on Methamphetamine Abuse in its efforts to address and resolve the ongoing public health and safety concerns associated with the illicit manufacture, sale and use of methamphetamine in Tennessee.

*Submitted by
Ed Hansberry, D.Ph.
and Doug Wilson, D.Ph.
on behalf of the Members of the
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TPA RESOLUTION 04.5

To Express Appreciation to Joseph E. Johnson, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Johnson, Ph.D., has served the University of Tennessee and the citizens of Tennessee in a variety of capacities since 1958; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as Chancellor of the UT Health Sciences Center from 1970 to 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as President of the University of Tennessee from 1991 to 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson was recalled from retirement into service as President of the University of Tennessee from 2003 to 2004 to restore credibility to the University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has had a wonderful working relationship with the pharmacists in the State of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has worked closely with the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson recognized the need for and supported construction of a new College of Pharmacy building for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has worked diligently to obtain funding for construction of a new University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy building for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson recommended the proposed University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy building be included in the building priorities list for the University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson supported full state funding of \$42 million for the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Building.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association express its sincere appreciation to Joseph E. Johnson, Ph.D., for his many years of service to the University of Tennessee and his continued support for the profession of pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy, as well as funding for the proposed new College of Pharmacy building.

*Submitted by
James Eoff, Pharm.D.
and Dick Gourley, Pharm.D.
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TPA RESOLUTION 04.4

To Express Appreciation to the Members of the 103rd General Assembly for Supporting Funding of a New University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Building

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy is the only college of pharmacy in the great state of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has been ranked in the top 10 colleges of pharmacy for the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, the current University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy building was constructed in 1928 and the College only occupies one floor of this building; and,

WHEREAS, the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy are currently located in five separate buildings on the Health Sciences Center campus in Memphis; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy faculty are very productive and contribute over 60% of the annual budget of The College, and a single facility to house the faculty in contiguous space will increase the productivity of the faculty; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has increased class size from 70 to 125 students per class in the past 5 years with no additional state appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has significantly increased the percentage of minority students and received funding for a Minority Center of Excellence; and,

WHEREAS, there is a current shortage of pharmacists

in Tennessee and this shortage is projected for the next two decades; and,

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for pharmaceutical care to prevent medication errors and promote medication safety and effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the College of Pharmacy proposes to further increase class size to meet the demands for the pharmaceutical care needs of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed new College of Pharmacy building will significantly increase the space to increase class size and increase biotech and pharmaceutical re- search; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the 103rd General Assembly included full funding of \$42.8 million for the pro- posed College of Pharmacy building in the final 2004-05 State budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association express its most sincere appreciation to the members of the 103rd General Assembly for including full funding of \$42.8 million for the proposed College of Pharmacy building in the final 2004- 05 State budget.

*Submitted by
James Eoff, Pharm.D.
and Dick Gourley, Pharm.D.
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June 11, 2004*

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TPA RESOLUTION 04.3

To Express Appreciation to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, for Supporting Funding of a New University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Building

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy is the only college of pharmacy in the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has been ranked in the top 10 colleges of pharmacy for the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, the current University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy building was constructed in 1928 and the College only occupies one floor of this building; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy faculty are very productive and contribute over 60% of the annual budget of The College, and a single facility to house the faculty in contiguous space will increase the productivity of the faculty; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has increased class size from 70 to 125 students per class in the past 5 years with no additional state appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has significantly increased the percentage of minority students and received funding for a Minority Center of Excellence; and,

WHEREAS, there is a current shortage of pharmacists in Tennessee and this shortage is projected for the next two decades; and,

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for pharmaceutical care to prevent medication errors and promote medication safety and effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the College of Pharmacy proposes to further increase class size to meet the demands for the pharmaceutical care needs of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed new College of Pharmacy building will significantly increase the space to increase class size and increase biotech and pharmaceutical research; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen recommended funding for the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Building in the 2004-05 state budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association express its most sincere appreciation to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, for his support of funding for a new College of Pharmacy building for the University of Tennessee.

*Submitted by
James Eoff, Pharm.D.
and Dick Gourley, Pharm.D.
on behalf of the UT College of Pharmacy
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TPA RESOLUTION 04.2

To Support the “Asthmatic School Children’s Treatment and Health Maintenance Act of 2003” H.R. 2023

WHEREAS, asthma affects over 6 million children in the U.S. under the age of 18 and two-thirds of these children have experienced an acute attack in the past year; and

WHEREAS, children are more familiar with the signs and symptoms of an attack than teachers or administrators; and

WHEREAS, only 23 states currently have laws that allow students to carry and self-administer prescribed medications for asthma and/or anaphylactic emergencies; and

WHEREAS, H.R.2023 would provide incentives to states that allow students to carry and self-administer such medications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association supports legislation to have the Secretary of Health and Human Services give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student’s asthma or anaphylaxis emergencies.

*Submitted by
Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists
January 8, 2004*

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TPA RESOLUTION 04.01

To Oppose Changes in the Pharmacy Benefit of the State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has implemented recent changes in the pharmacy benefit it provides as a part of the State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program, and

WHEREAS, these changes affect state employees, the employees of 124 school districts in the state, employees of numerous other government entities, and participants in the state retirees' Medicare supplement policy, and

WHEREAS, these changes implement an "optional" 90-day supply mail-order pharmacy program for the insured patients that awards a taxpayer funded prescription benefit program to out of state mail-order pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, several provisions in the 90-day supply contract offered to local community pharmacies in effect bar them from participation in the contract (such as a requirement for the pharmacy to be open 24 hours per day 7 days per week), and

WHEREAS, these employees and retirees of Tennessee and other school and governmental entities served under this Program deserve the best possible pharmacy care available to them, and

WHEREAS, an out of state, mail-order pharmacy cannot provide that level of pharmacy care like a local community pharmacy can, and

WHEREAS, many employees and retirees affected by the Program changes have expressed to their local community pharmacists their anger, fear and trepidation about the changes in their pharmacy care, and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Legislature has recognized that patients should be free to choose the pharmacy of their choice, and has enacted law that prevents employers and insurance companies from financially penalizing

patients for using local community pharmacies instead of mail-order pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, the new Group Insurance Program does in fact financially penalize patients for using local community pharmacies instead of mail-order pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, local community pharmacies support their communities and state in many ways, including paying taxes that directly support the State of Tennessee Insurance Program, and

WHEREAS, the out of state mail-order pharmacies contribute no taxes or support to Tennessee or its local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association continue to oppose the recent changes in the pharmacy benefit of the State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association utilize every available means to both convey and explain its opposition to these changes in the Insurance Program's pharmacy benefit to the State of Tennessee Insurance Committee, the Tennessee State Employees Association, members of the Tennessee Legislature, the Governor and administration officials, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, and other interested parties.

*Submitted by
Alan Corley, D.Ph., on behalf of TSIP
January 8, 2004*

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TPA RESOLUTION 03.08

To Honor Senator Roscoe Dixon

WHEREAS, Senator Roscoe Dixon introduced Senate Bill 1899 in the 2003 session of the Tennessee Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, this bill, as amended, permits insurers to reimburse patients for up to two medication counseling sessions with pharmacists, for insured patients who use six or more medications; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Dixon has recognized the value of pharmacist counseling and the improved patient outcomes that result from this service; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Dixon has recognized that pharmacists should be reimbursed for such medication therapy management services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association assembled at the Meadowview Conference Center in Kingsport, Tennessee, expresses its most sincere appreciation to Senator Dixon for his efforts on behalf of the Pharmacy profession, as well as the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be properly prepared and presented to Senator Dixon as a small token of the appreciation of this Association.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Collins
On behalf of the TPA Resolutions Committee
Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 12, 2003*

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TPA RESOLUTION 03.07

To Honor Representative Nathan Vaughn

WHEREAS, Representative Nathan Vaughn introduced House Bill 1958 in the 2003 session of the Tennessee Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, this bill, as amended, permits insurers to reimburse patients for up to two medication counseling sessions with pharmacists, for insured patients who use six or more medications; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Vaughn has recognized the value of pharmacist counseling and the improved patient outcomes that result from this service; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Vaughn has recognized that pharmacists should be reimbursed for such medication therapy management services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association assembled at the Meadowview Conference Center in Kingsport, Tennessee, expresses its most sincere appreciation to Representative Vaughn for his efforts on behalf of the Pharmacy profession, as well as the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be properly prepared and presented to Representative Vaughn as a small token of the appreciation of this Association.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Collins
On behalf of the TPA Resolutions Committee
Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 12, 2003*

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TPA RESOLUTION 03.06

To Honor and Congratulate Barbara McAndrew on her Meritorious Service as the First Consumer Member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy

WHEREAS, Barbara McAndrew has made many civic and professional contributions serving the citizens of Dandridge, Jefferson County and the State of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAndrew has always demonstrated a volunteer spirit that has inspired the individuals who work with her to achieve greater levels of success; and,

WHEREAS, after six years of service to the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy as its first consumer member, Mrs. McAndrew has set the expectation for performance at an exceptional level; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAndrew and her husband, Y.J., have devoted many hours and great personal expense to attend state and national pharmacy programs to expand her pharmacy knowledge base and to represent the interests of Tennessee pharmacists, patients, and pharmacy technicians; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAndrew has brought a quiet and sophisticated style to the role of consumer member for the Board; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAndrew has diligently sought to understand pharmaceutical care from the perspective of the patient and the caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. McAndrew has achieved national recognition of her dedication to and knowledge of the profession of pharmacy, resulting in her appointment as the consumer member of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association honor and congratulate Mrs. McAndrew on her lifetime of achievements, express their sincere appreciation for her dedicated service to Tennessee and her commitment to the pharmacy profession, and wish her many years of success and happiness in the future.

Submitted by Paula Hinson

On behalf of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy

Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 12, 2003



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TPA RESOLUTION 03.04

Medical Service Supplier

WHEREAS, the profession of Pharmacy has been a link to the health care body since the beginning of time. The care and service that pharmacy provides ranges from medication of many sorts to colostomy aids as well as assisted health care items that extend the quality of life for many patients. These services extend a great deal of care and aid to healing many patients; and,

WHEREAS, now, a new sophisticated Medical Service Supplier Contract (MSS), that requires services such as: oxygen, PT, OT, 24/7 service and 24-hour call back, has been offered to serve the needs of many patients in Tennessee; but,

THEREFORE, to be included in this contract, a provider would be required to perform all the stipulated services; and,

WHEREAS, only a few providers would be able to perform all such services; the overall care and aid of many patients would therefore suffer; and,

WHEREAS, if the MSS contract could have a provision of a two-tier contract: a Comprehensive and a Limited provider, this would help patients as well as providers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacist Association strive to work with the Tennessee Home Care Association, our Legislators, and other concerned parties to bring about a fair resolution to this issue for the better healthcare of patients.

*Submitted by Charles M. Warren, Jr.
Recommended as amended by Resolutions Committee, February 5, 2003*



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TPA RESOLUTION 03.03

Support for Pharmacy Benefit Manager Company Regulation

WHEREAS, the demands for efficiencies and savings in the health care marketplace have expanded the roles and services of the pharmacy benefit management company; and,

WHEREAS, health plans, health insurers and managed care organizations providing services to Tennessee citizens contract with pharmacy benefit management companies for particular benefit management services including formulary development and management, drug use review, prior authorization programs and disease state management; and,

WHEREAS, programs developed, and decisions made by pharmacy benefit management companies determine which drugs can be dispensed in what quantities and when, and influence the decisions regarding prescription drugs made by medical providers; and therefore, directly affect the health and welfare of prescription drug consumers in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, pharmacy benefit management companies are largely unregulated by states, including Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association work to enact legislation in Tennessee to provide for effective regulation of pharmacy benefit management companies providing services that affect any Tennessee citizen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourage Tennessee pharmacists to undertake all available activities to facilitate passage of this legislation by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Submitted by Dianna Drake

Recommended as amended by Resolutions Committee, February 5, 2003



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TPA RESOLUTION 03.02

Requiring the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry to Package Prescription Medication in Unit-of-Use Packaging

WHEREAS, the current prescription dispensing system in the United States requires, with limited exception, repackaging of medication from bulk commercial containers into prescription vials at the pharmacy that dispenses the prescription to the patient; and,

WHEREAS, the repackaging of medication necessary to dispense a prescription requires a significant amount of pharmacy staff time; and,

WHEREAS, the demand on pharmacy staff time has dramatically increased in recent years and will continue to increase due to such factors as a projected prescription volume of more than five million prescriptions annually by 2004; and,

WHEREAS, the repackaging of medication necessary to dispense a prescription presents the opportunity for error to be introduced into the medication use system in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the pharmacy staff time that would become available through unit-of-use packaging would allow the pharmacy staff to engage in clinical services that improve the medication use system and promote medication safety; and

WHEREAS, the capitalization cost to install, into individual pharmacies, the technologies and systems to repackage medication necessary to prescription dispensing cannot be met in light of the declining revenue and increasing expense realized in most pharmacies today; and

WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry currently has the technologies and systems to economically, compared to the individual pharmacy, package medication in unit-of-use packaging;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association submit a Resolution to the American Pharmaceutical Association encouraging its House of Delegates to evaluate any existing policy statements on this matter and adopt a policy statement that the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry be required to package medication in unit-of-use packaging; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourage the American Pharmaceutical Association to seek the enactment of federal legislation that would require the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry to package medication in unit-of-use packaging; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association communicate this Resolution to the Tennessee Senators and Representatives to the United States Congress.

*Submitted by Ray Marcrom and
The Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists
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TPA RESOLUTION 03.01 TennCare Pharmacy Co-Pays

WHEREAS, the TennCare Bureau has proposed a rule to implement certain provisions of the TennCare waiver to become effective January 1, 2003 including requiring payment of a pharmacy co-pay by certain TennCare Medicaid eligible recipients for a prescription while federal rules forbid a service being denied if a co-pay is not paid; and,

WHEREAS, TennCare representatives have publicly stated that TennCare Medicaid eligibles will be "advised but not required" to pay a co-pay; and,

WHEREAS, the co-pay will be automatically deducted from the pharmacy payment by the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) that disperses funds on behalf of managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Bureau of TennCare for prescription services provided by pharmacies; and,

WHEREAS, all TennCare prescription drug plans provide dispensing fees which are among the lowest dispensing fees in the nation when compared to state sponsored prescription plans in other states and this fee is non-negotiable and is proposed to pharmacies across the state by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in a "take it or leave it" fashion; and,

WHEREAS, no other state pharmacy assistance program in the United States of America has a co-pay plan where the pharmacy co-pay actually exceeds the pharmacy dispensing fee; and,

WHEREAS, most, if not every, contract with a PBM for pharmacy services expressly forbids the forgiveness of co-pays by provider pharmacies; and,

WHEREAS, neither the state nor the PBMs have an electronic online system in place that recognizes if a patient is or is not required to pay the co-pay or if the patient does or does not pay the co-pay, nor is there an on-line system in place for the pharmacist to discern in which plan a patient is enrolled, be it TennCare Medicaid, Standard or Assist; and,

WHEREAS, TennCare is mandating that in some cases the pharmacies of the state of Tennessee will have to further subsidize the program out of the pharmacy's capital resources; and

WHEREAS, the position of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) is to support the use of co-pays so long as the patient is required to pay the co-pay before services are provided.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association opposes all proposals from any source which would implement a non-collectable co-pay in any prescription drug program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association support the position that a co-pay is defined as a co-pay only if it is a payment that is required to be paid before services are provided; otherwise it is a gift, subsidy or a mechanism to achieve a net underpayment for a contracted service that has been provided; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association work with the Governor's office, the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Congressional delegation, the Bureau of TennCare, and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to seek a waiver to the TennCare program which prevents the institution of non-collectable co-pays.

*Submitted by Barry Walton, Alan Corley and Eddie Rowe
On behalf of the First District Pharmacy Association
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TPA RESOLUTION 02.05

Support of Personnel Training Regarding Prescription Transcriptions

WHEREAS, an increasing number of prescribers are allowing non-trained personnel to call in or electronically transmit prescriptions; and,

WHEREAS, an increasing number of prescribing errors are occurring due to the lack of knowledge of both medications and directions; and,

WHEREAS, the current practices place the patient's safety at increased risk and increase the liability of both pharmacists and prescribers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourages our Inter- professional Relations Committee to discuss these issues with members of all Tennessee prescriber associations and/or organizations and present a report at the Midyear Meeting.

*Submitted by Sherry Hill
on behalf of the Resolutions Committee
Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 25, 2002*

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TPA RESOLUTION 02.04

Support for the Tennessee Arthritis Action Plan

WHEREAS, one in three adult Tennesseans (35.6%) have some form of arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, arthritis affects 1.5 million Tennesseans annually; and,

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of disability in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 different forms of arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, over 43% of adult Tennesseans cannot describe their form of arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, arthritis affects children as well as adults; and,

WHEREAS, there is no known cause or cure for arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health and the Arthritis Foundation—Tennessee Chapter and other partners, including the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, have developed the Tennessee Arthritis Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, pharmacists are an integral member of the healthcare team caring for patients with arthritis; and,
WHEREAS, pharmacists see these patients more often than any other healthcare professional; and,
WHEREAS, pharmacists have the training, knowledge and expertise to provide disease state and treatment information to those affected by arthritis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association endorses the Tennessee Arthritis Action Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association will be an active participant in the public health education efforts related to arthritis in the state of Tennessee.

*Submitted by Kam Nola
on behalf of the ad hoc Committee for Public Health Policy & Advocacy
Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 25, 2002*

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TPA RESOLUTION 02.03

To Honor Marcia Williams

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marcia Williams retired from the Tennessee Pharmacists Association on January 1, 2002 where she so ably served as Managing Editor of the *Tennessee Pharmacist* and Director of Meeting Planning and Education; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams began her career with TPA in January 1989 and was a part of the team that converted the *Tennessee Pharmacist* to a complete on-line computer publication, not only instituting major savings in its production, but a more efficient and a rapid production of the *Tennessee Pharmacist*. She also improved other publications including the *TPA Legislative Bulletin* and, as her last project, participated in the development of the new monthly publication, the *Tennessee Pharmacist NEW- Stream*, now available on the TPA web site; and,

WHEREAS, she will continue to edit the quarterly publication of the *Tennessee Pharmacist*; and,

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly in the production and staging of the annual meetings of the TPA, the TSHP and many other meetings sponsored by TPA and TSHP; and,

WHEREAS, she often assisted the TPA office staff with many other duties in the Association office that were of great benefit to the staff and the membership of the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association assembled, meeting at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Alabama, express its most sincere appreciation for all of the efforts of Marcia Williams during her tenure as a member of the TPA staff and wish for her many years of happy retirement during which she can enjoy other activities including more time with her family, including her four special grandchildren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be properly prepared and presented to Marcia Williams as a small token of the appreciation of this Association and its membership for her many good works.

Submitted by Tom C. Sharp, Jr.,

Executive Director Emeritus

on behalf of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association

Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 25, 2002

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TPA RESOLUTION 02.02

To Honor Representative Shelby A. Rhinehart

WHEREAS, Representative Shelby A. Rhinehart will complete thirty-six years as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly in 2002 and is not seeking re-election; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rhinehart has the longest legislative tenure of any current member of the General Assembly and has served as Chairman of the Joint Senate House Fiscal Review Committee and the House Commerce Committee, Vice Chairman of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, and a member of numerous other important committees including the House Calendar and Rules, the Joint House Senate Pension and Retirement Committee and the Joint Senate House Medicaid & TennCare Committees; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Rhinehart is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University and the Samford University, Clayton McWhorter School of Pharmacy and has been the sponsor of hundreds of pieces of pharmacy related legislation as well as other legislation affecting positively the people of Tennessee during his tenure; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Rhinehart has served his community of Spencer as a member of the Van Buren County School Board, participated in many other activities of benefit to his community, and owned and operated the only community pharmacy in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association assembled, meeting at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Alabama, express its most sincere appreciation to Representative Rhinehart for his efforts on behalf of the pharmacy profession as well as the citizens of the State of Tennessee and wish for him and his wife, Dr. Margaret Rhinehart, a long and happy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be properly prepared and presented to Representative Rhinehart with the best wishes of the Pharmacists of Tennessee.

*Submitted by Tom C. Sharp, Jr.,
Executive Director Emeritus*

*on behalf of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association
Recommended by Resolutions Committee, June 25, 2002*

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TPA RESOLUTION 02.01

Recommendation for the Allowance of an Emergency Drug Kit Containing Controlled Substances in Long Term Care Facilities

WHEREAS, patients suffer from significant pain and other acute and chronic conditions; and,

WHEREAS, patients in long term care facilities need access to controlled substances, in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, long term care pharmacy providers located off-site may not be able to provide the needed medications as quickly as necessary to control acute symptoms; and,

WHEREAS, non-controlled substances are allowed to be kept for emergencies in the long-term care facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency does allow for a limited supply of controlled substances to be kept in a long-term care facility under the supervision of the long-term care provider pharmacy and with regulations stipulated by the state board of pharmacy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association support the use of emergency kits containing controlled substances in long term care facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association requests the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy to take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to allow emergency kits with controlled substances in long term care facilities in Tennessee.

*Submitted by Linda O'Bannon
on behalf of the Society of Long-Term Care Pharmacists*

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TPA RESOLUTION 01.06

Support of Proposed National Legislation Affecting Pharmacy

WHEREAS, S. 974, the Medicare Pharmacists Services Coverage Act of 2001, can improve public health and welfare of Medicare recipients through the provision of enhanced pharmaceutical services and recognizes a vital missing link of health delivery to Medicare recipients; and

WHEREAS, coverage recognizes the critical nature of pharmaceutical services to Medicare recipients; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2173, the Pharmacy Education Aid Act of 2001, proposes to amend the Public Health Services Act with respect to health profession programs regarding the practice of pharmacy and the education of pharmacists,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association strongly support the passage of this legislation and encourages communication by its members with each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association inform each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation of its support for this legislation and ask each member to both support and vote for this legislation.

*Submitted by Resolutions Committee
Sherry Hill, Chair*

Approved by House of Delegates July 23, 2001

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TPA RESOLUTION 01.05 Opposition to Medicare Discount Card Proposal

WHEREAS, the proposed Medicare Prescription Discount Card Program appears to have been conceived without input from pharmacy providers and/or pharmacy organization leadership representatives; and,

WHEREAS, community pharmacies will bear the financial burden for these alleged discounts; and,

WHEREAS, the drug manufacturers, which account for nearly 80% of the cost of prescription drugs, will bear none of the financial burden; and,

WHEREAS, the final disposition of the drug manufacturer rebates has not been decided and would appear to accrue primarily to the Pharmacy Benefit Managers; and

WHEREAS, this proposed program is not an insurance plan for Medicare recipients; and

WHEREAS, this proposed program does not enhance the quality of care and poses a safety concern for Medicare recipients,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association communicate with President George W. Bush, HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson, CMS Administrator Tom Scully, all members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation, and other appropriate individuals to express the strong opposition by TPA members to the Medicare Prescription Discount Card Program.

Submitted by Resolutions Committee

Sherry Hill, Chair

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.11

Third Class of Drugs

WHEREAS, more and more prescription drugs have been moved to OTC status; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the pharmacists be involved in the education of patients on use of these therapeutic agents being switched to OTC status; and,

WHEREAS, many more prescription drugs are being considered for OTC status; and,

WHEREAS, many of these agents have a large number of potential adverse effects, including drug interaction with other drugs; and,

WHEREAS, the pharmacist is the healthcare professional educated specifically in the area of therapeutics and preventing drug-related problems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TPA House of Delegates directs the TPA leadership to communicate with the major national pharmaceutical associations and other appropriate groups to encourage them to place a high priority on supporting a third class of drugs available only from a pharmacist.

Submitted by Tim Tucker, July 17, 2000

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.10

Opposition to Implementation of New Medicaid AWP Prices

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has developed new Medicaid average wholesale prices (AWPs) for more than 400 complex drug therapies administered via inhalation, infusion, and injection, based on Department of Justice determinations of actual acquisition costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Medicaid AWP rates have been offered to all 50 state Medicaid programs by the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) for immediate implementation by the state Medicaid programs without notification to providers; and,

WHEREAS, numerous questions have arisen regarding the legality of this initiative, the lack of due process in the implementation of this initiative in other states; the methodology used to develop the Medicaid AWPs and its accuracy; and the impact of this initiative on beneficiary access and overall Medicaid costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is the role and responsibility of TennCare and TennCare alone to ensure that TennCare beneficiaries have access to medically necessary, cost-effective health care services; and,

WHEREAS, the reimbursement reductions provided by the Department of Justice Medicaid AWP rates are unprecedented and extreme in their severity so as to raise significant concerns regarding future beneficiary access to identified therapies on an outpatient basis; and,

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that administration of these therapies on an outpatient basis provides significant cost savings to public and private payers compared to the costs incurred when these therapies are administered in inpatient health care settings; and,

WHEREAS, TennCare does not provide explicit recognition or reimbursement for the professional services required to provide these products safely and effectively.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association opposes any action by TennCare to implement U.S. Department of Justice's newly developed Medicaid AWP prices which are being disseminated by the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) until these significant issues can be addressed in a legitimate public process.

*Submitted by Douglas Anthony (Tony) Powers
on behalf of the TPA
Home Infusion Committee*

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.9

In Memory of Senator Kenneth ("Pete") Springer

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee were shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Senator Kenneth N. ("Pete") Springer of Centerville; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Springer viewed his responsibilities as a member of the Senate very seriously, and performed each with integrity and diligence; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure in the General Assembly, Senator Springer worked assiduously to provide more accessible health care for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Springer actively listened to his constituents and was always willing to hear from pharmacists regarding patient care issues; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy and the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of Tennessee's citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and its members formally acknowledge the leadership and contributions made by Senator Springer and extend their sincere sympathy to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial resolution suitable for framing be prepared and presented to Senator Springer's family.

*Submitted by
Kendall Lynch, Director
Tennessee Board of Pharmacy
on behalf of the Tennessee Tripartite Committee:
the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy
the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy,
and the Tennessee Pharmacist Association
June 5, 2000*

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.8

To Honor Douglas Anthony (Tony) Powers

WHEREAS, Douglas Anthony (Tony) Powers is a respected, proactive practicing pharmacist providing home infusion therapy; and

WHEREAS, Tony Powers is a member of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Bachelor of Science Class of 1980 and the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 1982, and completed a Clinical Pharmacy Residency at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1983, and

WHEREAS, he is Owner/General Manager of Medical Alternatives in Millington, Tennessee, and an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, serving as a Preceptor for Doctor of Pharmacy candidates as well as directing a Post-Pharm.D. Home Infusion Pharmacy Residency Program; and

WHEREAS, he is a Pharmacist Surveyor for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and serves as a consultant to others practicing in the home infusion therapy arena; and

WHEREAS, he is on the editorial board of numerous publications, such as *Infusion, Nutrition in Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Pharmacotherapy, American Journal of Health-System Pharmacists, Clinical Pharmacy*, and others; and

WHEREAS, Tony Powers has made over 500 national, state, and local presentations on aspects of infusion therapy practice, has thirty-five publications to-date in the areas of home infusion therapy, antibiotic therapy, and nutrition, and has conducted ten research studies to date; and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous committees for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Outpatient Intravenous Infusion Therapy Association, the National Home Infusion Therapy Association, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the Tennessee Association of Homecare, and the Memphis Area Pharmacists Society; and

WHEREAS, Tony Powers is currently serving as the President of the National Home Infusion Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recognize and commend Douglas Anthony (Tony) Powers, Pharm.D., for his dedication and service to the profession of pharmacy and the advancement of home infusion therapy practice, including his leadership in the profession of pharmacy in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prepared for framing and presented to Dr. Powers.

*Submitted by
Mickie Ratliff, Pharm.D., Chair
On behalf of the members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association Home Infusion Committee,
February 7, 2000*

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.7

Right to Unlimited Access to Disease Management

WHEREAS, in June 1999, Parke-Davis launched Rezulin Express a program designed to provide troglitazone (Rezulin™) to patients with Type 2 Diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, patients enrolling in this program receive Rezulin™ through the mail via the internet pharmacy, PlanetRx; and,

WHEREAS, the program also offers disease management services, including free home HbA_{1C} monitoring, provided the patient purchases Rezulin™ from PlanetRx; and,

WHEREAS, offering disease management services only to patients who acquire Rezulin™ from PlanetRx creates unfair competition for pharmacies that wish to provide disease management services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association opposes restrictive drug distribution to select pharmacies accompanied with free or discounted disease management services, thereby interfering with pharmacy service providers' opportunities to provide medications and practice disease state management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourage pharmaceutical entities who offer these programs to include any willing provider in order to enhance individual patient care.

*Submitted by
Jill B. Thompson, Chair
Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists
On behalf of the members of the Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists*

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.6

Immediate Availability of Meter Dose Inhalers to Asthmatic Students

WHEREAS, many states, local school boards or individual schools prohibit K-12 students from carrying their “reliever” meter dose inhalers on their person while at school; and,

WHEREAS, although these therapies are available in the nurses’ or principals’ offices, students may not have time to access these devices during an acute attack.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association encourages educational institutions to allow students to carry their “reliever” meter dose inhalers on their own person at all times, provided the students have physician authorization to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists pursue this resolution on a national level at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

*Submitted by
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TPA RESOLUTION 00.5

Color Coding Meter Dose Inhalers for Improved Asthma Management

WHEREAS, despite education by a variety of health care providers, many patients with asthma continue to believe that asthma should be treated only when symptoms are present; and,

WHEREAS, health care professionals know that "controller" meter dose inhalers are chronic therapies that prevent exacerbation of asthma; and,

WHEREAS, there continues to be confusion about "controller-" and "reliever-" type medications among patients; and,

WHEREAS, there have been published reports of patients found dead with their "controller" meter dose inhalers in their hands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association support a uniform practice of color-coding meter dose inhalers to correlate with peak flow color readings; red for "reliever" meter dose inhalers and green for "controller" meter dose inhalers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists pursue this resolution on a national level at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

*Submitted by
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Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists
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TPA RESOLUTION 00.4

OTC Anti-theft Labeling

WHEREAS, health care consumers are becoming more proactive in their care and are seeking information about their medications from a variety of sources; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for consumers to obtain accurate and complete information regarding prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications; and,

WHEREAS, many retail stores are using anti-theft labeling devices on OTC products; and,

WHEREAS, while these devices curtail theft, they are being placed on the OTC package without regard for the patient's needs to obtain information about a product's ingredients, directions regarding drug administration, and contraindications

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association discourage the practice of indiscriminately placing anti-theft labeling devices on OTC packages and support placement that would not prevent consumers from reading the entire product label.

*Submitted by
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Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists
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TPA RESOLUTION 00.3

Support for a Standardized Pharmacy Benefit Identification Card

WHEREAS, more than 70% of prescriptions for Americans are paid for by one of many insurance programs; and,

WHEREAS, each program uses its own unique benefit card; and,

WHEREAS, dealing with the administrative burdens created by inconsistent and confusing pharmacy benefit cards creates unnecessary barriers to pharmacists providing care to their patients; and,

WHEREAS, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), the standards setting organization for pharmacy claims transmission, has developed a standard format and implementation guide for a uniform pharmacy benefit identification card and technology; and,

WHEREAS, one of the pharmacist's goals is to serve the patient in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, use of a uniform pharmacy benefit identification card can lessen patient's waiting times, decrease administrative burdens for pharmacies, and improve care to patients by minimizing confusion, eliminating unnecessary paperwork, and streamlining dispensing of prescriptions paid for by third party payors; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) have developed model legislation mandating the use of a uniform pharmacy benefit identification card for processing insurance claims.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association supports efforts to enact legislation in Tennessee to mandate use of a Standardized Pharmacy Benefit Identification Card in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association seek sponsors in the Tennessee General Assembly for such legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association inform each member of the Tennessee General Assembly of its support for such legislation by providing to each member a copy of this Resolution and asking each of them to both support and vote for this important patient care legislation.

*Submitted by Sherry Hill, Chair, TPA Resolutions Committee
January 13, 2000*

Recommended by Resolutions Committee, January 18, 2000

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TPA RESOLUTION 00.2

To Honor Jimmy McDonald

WHEREAS, Jimmy F. McDonald, D.Ph., has been an asset to his community, his family, and the pharmacy profession for more than fifty years; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. McDonald was a member of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Class of 1949 and has owned and operated community pharmacies in Memphis and McMinnville, Tennessee, owning and operating Highland Heights Pharmacy in Memphis since 1968; and,

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as a member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy from 1972 through 1977 and as President in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association from 1982 to 1989 and President of the Association in 1984-1985, received the *Tom C. Sharp, Sr. Pharmacist of the Year Award* in 1988 and the *Wyeah Ayerst Bowl of Hygeia Award* in 1993, and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous committees for the Memphis Shelby County Pharmaceutical Society, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, and the National Community Pharmacists Association (formerly National Association of Retail Druggists); and,

WHEREAS, he has been Treasurer and Administrator of the R. L. Crowe Student Loan Fund for University of Tennessee pharmacy students since April 1981, which has assisted hundreds of students with short term loans; and,

WHEREAS, he has served as one of the original Directors of the Seldon D. Feurt Memorial Fund, which is also assisting UT students and faculty with many activities; and

WHEREAS, the McDonald family, including his wife, Betty, and their son and daughter-in-law, Drs. Kevin and Mary Jane McDonald, and their granddaughters, Kaitlin and Kendall McDonald, have always supported all that is good and positive for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the McDonald family has been active in the Underwood United Methodist Church of Memphis, as well as other community organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Midyear Meeting of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates commend the McDonald family, and Dr. Jimmy F. McDonald in particular, for their efforts on behalf of the profession of pharmacy in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prepared for framing and presented to Dr. McDonald and his family.

*Submitted by
Tom C. Sharp, Jr., D.Ph.,
TPA Executive Director Emeritus
on behalf of the Members of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association
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TPA RESOLUTION 00.1 To Honor William S. Chance

WHEREAS, William S. Chance served honorably in the United States Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate; and,

WHEREAS, William S. Chance is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 1952 and is a practicing pharmacist; and,

WHEREAS, William S. Chance served the public in Kentucky and Tennessee as a Community Pharmacist with the Walgreen Company for twenty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, William S. Chance has diligently served the citizens of Tennessee as a Pharmacist Investigator for the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, William S. Chance has recently completed twenty-four years as a valued member of the staff of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and served under five Directors; and,

WHEREAS, William S. Chance has served admirably as the Interim Director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association recognize and commend William S. Chance for his enduring dedication and service to the Profession of Pharmacy and to the citizens of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be properly prepared and presented to William S. Chance.

*Submitted by
Kendall M. Lynch, D.Ph,
Director Tennessee Board of Pharmacy
on behalf of the Members of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy*

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