



Dear Colleagues:

It's that time of year – time to renew your membership in the New Hampshire Pharmacists Association (NHPA) for 2019.

This year marks my second year as NHPA president, and I am thrilled to continue in this role during such an exciting time in pharmacy practice. As the role of the pharmacist continues to evolve, there has never been a more important time to support your state pharmacy association. We ask for your continued support in order for the association to be able to continue to provide the services that are integral to the well-being and advancement of the profession of pharmacy in the state of New Hampshire.

NHPA plays an integral role in advocating for the profession of pharmacy at the state and national level. As our membership has come to expect, the association actively pursues legislative initiatives, provides timely updates to our membership, and organizes top-quality continuing education programs. These efforts would not be possible without the loyal support of our membership, and for this we are truly grateful.

2018 Highlights: During the 2018 legislative session, 7 bills were introduced related to pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs). A member of the NHPA Board of Directors worked diligently to insure that the best interest of pharmacists and pharmacy practice were considered in this legislation. NHPA was also integral in writing the report of HB 1418 which established a commission to study greater transparency in drug costs and rebate programs. An NHPA Board of Director member also sat on the commission that developed the language for HB 1822 which makes hormonal contraceptives available directly from pharmacists by means of a standing order. As a result of NHPA input, pharmacists will be able to charge for the initial consult with the patient!

In addition to our 2 traditional CE programs, this fall NHPA offered a free compounding CE for members. Without the support of our members, this event would not have been possible.

NHPA is completely operated by its members. None of the members of the Board of Directors are compensated for their association work. The satisfaction derived from advocating for pharmacists and the profession of pharmacy continues to drive this association forward. In order to continue to advance the profession, as we have over the past few years, it is imperative that we draw on our members to help strengthen the organization.

NHPA represents and advocates for the **ENTIRE** profession of pharmacy, independent of practice setting. We have continued to collaborate with other state pharmacy organizations in order to form a unified voice for the profession of pharmacy within the state.

Please support NHPA in 2019 by renewing your membership today. The 2019 membership application can be accessed, completed, and paid online at www.nhpharmacists.net. Our efforts in promoting and representing the profession are made possible through dues paid by members like you. In addition, should you have any questions or concerns about the association or the profession in general, feel free to contact us at: info@nhpharmacists.net.

Again, thank you for your continued support and participation in your association.

Sincerely,

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