

## SCPhA POLICY AND POSITION STATEMENTS

### **07-100: *Compounding Regulations***

SCPhA supports regulation of compounding by each State Boards of Pharmacy.

### **07-101: *Custom Compounding***

SCPhA supports a Pharmacists' right to compound prescriptions pursuant to a doctor's order.

### **07-102: *Experiential Education***

SCPhA encourages all pharmacies in South Carolina to become sites for experiential education for students of the colleges of pharmacy in South Carolina.

### **07-103: *Student Mentorship***

SCPhA encourages all pharmacists to consider and take initiative in their role in fostering students' professionalism.

### **07-104: *Mentorship & Pharmacy Practice Experiences in Rural SC***

SCPhA intends to aid the colleges of pharmacy in South Carolina in the expansion and utilization of mentor programs and pharmacy practice experiences in those areas of the state showing great need.

### **07-105: *Professional Ethics in Educational Curricula & Practices***

SCPhA supports the incorporation of professional ethics in pharmacy curricula, postgraduate studies and all pharmacy continuing education and training.

### **07-106: *Annual Meeting Dates***

Be it resolved that it is strongly encouraged that dates for the SCPhA Annual Meeting do not conflict with the annual session of the South Carolina Legislature.

### **07-107: *Board of Director Meetings Open to All Members***

SCPhA Board of Directors meetings are open to all active/voting members of SCPhA. The Board shall retain the right to deem certain agenda items closed for confidential reasons. The meeting date, time, and place should be published in advance in a public member location, i.e. Palmetto Pharmacist, Small Doses, or on the Association website.

### **07-108: *Pharmacist Administered Immunizations***

SCPhA will support South Carolina pharmacists by taking an active role in patient education and mobilization campaigns and in the development of models to improve patient access to immunizations by utilizing the nation's most accessible health care resource – the pharmacist. SCPhA shall make connections with all organizations and state agencies that are necessary to fully utilize South Carolina pharmacists. In addition, SCPhA recognizes that pharmacists must educationally prepare themselves for this active role in the immunization effort.

### **07-109: *Pharmacist Recognized as Healthcare Providers***

SCPhA will work with national pharmacy organizations to lobby congress to record pharmacists as health care providers in any and all pertinent sections of the Federal Code. SCPhA should seek the support of third parties and work to mobilize our membership to write letters as appropriate.

### **07-110: *Pharmacist Right to Refuse***

SCPhA supports the establishment of systems to ensure the patient's access to legally prescribed therapy without compromising the pharmacist's right of conscientious refusal. SCPhA opposes legislation and/or executive order that would prevent a pharmacist's right to refuse to dispense a prescription as per the Pharmacy Practice Act.

### **07-111: *Technology Solutions***

SCPhA supports technology that enhances communication between all health care delivery professionals and/or improves patient care. Furthermore, SCPhA supports active participation in the design, development and implementation of this technology.

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**07-112: Any Willing Provider**

SCPhA shall support and educate pharmacists on the Any Willing Provider Law as established in SC. Further, upon request, SCPhA staff will send to members a sample letter, a copy of the law and any other information helpful to assist the member in gaining access to a network that has blocked them.

**07-113: Kickback Schemes**

SCPhA does not condone participation in kickback schemes or coercive arrangements involving goods and services within the profession of pharmacy. Furthermore, SCPhA encourages pharmacists to report to the board of pharmacy, individuals and businesses which violate the board rules.

**07-114: Emergency Preparedness**

SCPhA supports the continuing development and implementation of education and training of pharmacists and pharmacy students relative to emergency preparedness and response.

**07-115: Public Relations**

SCPhA will conduct active public relations programs to improve the perceived vitality and public image of the profession of pharmacy.

**08-100: Third Class of Medications**

SCPhA supports the adoption of a third class of medications called behind the counter medications dispensed by pharmacists.

**08-101: Physician Dispensing**

SCPhA opposes the dispensing of medications by physicians.

**08-102: Student Loan Forgiveness**

SCPhA supports the effort to have student loan forgiveness extended to pharmacists that meet the requirements to serve in rural areas.

**08-103: Cigarette Tax Revenue**

SCPhA supports the use of South Carolina cigarette tax revenue for comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs as well as fund SC health care programs.

**08-104: MTM Services**

SCPhA supports the use of pharmacists as healthcare providers and the payment for pharmacists' services as part of medication therapy management.

**09-100: Tobacco & Alcohol Sales in Pharmacy**

The South Carolina Pharmacy Association encourages pharmacies to discontinue the sale of non-medicinal alcoholic beverages and tobacco related products.

**09-101: Smoking in Pharmacies**

The South Carolina Pharmacy Association encourages the ban of smoking in pharmacies.

**09-102: Commoditization of Pharmacy**

The South Carolina Pharmacy Association opposes promoting the profession of pharmacy solely as a commodity. Further, SCPhA encourages the establishment of a single primary pharmacy home for patients to ensure the continuity of care.

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**09-103: Medication Disposal**

The South Carolina Pharmacy Association urges pharmacists to educate patients on the proper disposal of prescription medication in an effort to 1. minimize potential environmental impact of improperly disposed medication and 2. to minimize the potential for substance abuse.

**10-100: Prescription Transfer Incentives**

SCPhA advocates the elimination of coupons, rebates, and other incentives which would promote the transfer of prescriptions between competitor pharmacies.

**10-101: HIE and Pharmacist Participation**

SCPhA advocates the inclusion of pharmacists in the development of personal health record systems by both public and private entities.

**10-102: HIE and Standards**

SCPhA supports uniform standards for personal health record systems that should include, but not be limited to, terminology, security, documentation, and coding of data within a personal health record.

**10-103: Pharmacist Access to EMR**

SCPhA supports the development, implementation, and management of personal health record systems which allow pharmacists and other health care providers to search, access, and input data. These personal health care record systems should be customized to meet the patient's needs as well as provide a mechanism to differentiate information provided by the patient and the health care provider.

**10-104: EMR and Patient Education**

SCPhA supports pharmacists in taking the leadership role in educating the public on the importance of maintaining current and accurate medication related information within their personal health records.

**10-105: Pharmacy Quality Measures**

SCPhA firmly believes that quality assessment measures of pharmacy services should be tested for validity, reliability, and feasibility in various pharmacy practice settings prior to widespread application. Therefore, SCPhA supports the efforts of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) to improve the quality of the medication use process by collaborating with key stakeholders to develop a strategy for measuring and reporting performance information related to medications.

**12-100: Pharmacy-based Laboratory Testing & Health Screening Services**

SCPhA supports pharmacy-based laboratory testing and health screening services and encourages collaboration with other health care providers to ensure appropriate communication, interpretation and use of test results. SCPhA supports revision of relevant state and federal laws and regulations to facilitate pharmacist involvement in laboratory testing and health screening services. In addition, SCPhA advocates for public and private sector compensation for pharmacy-based laboratory testing and health screening services.

**14-100: Student Pharmacists as Authorized Immunizers**

SCPhA shall pursue legislation that recognizes student pharmacists as authorized immunizers within South Carolina, provided that the student's intern license is in good standing with the SC Board of Pharmacy, the student is directly supervised by an immunizing pharmacist, and the student meets all other training and education requirements for pharmacist-administered immunizations under current law.

**15:100 Provider Status**

SCPhA, recognizing the evolving and expanding role of pharmacists in the delivery of patient care, advocates for the necessary legislative, regulatory, and payer policy changes to allow pharmacists to practice to the full extent of their training.

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**16:100 Advocates for Business Practices**

SCPhA advocates for business practices that support fair competition and protect patient access to high quality care.

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**09-104: Immunization Administration Curriculum**

The South Carolina Pharmacy Association recommends that colleges of pharmacy incorporate immunization administration training into their curriculum.