

2020 Advocacy Agenda

Below is the 2020 FPA legislative Advocacy Agenda. I found it in the 2020 annual report to the members.

Prior to the beginning of each legislative session the FPA's governmental affairs team made up of the officers of the FPA, 5 at large members (including one student) appointed by the president, a representative of FSHP and the Chair of the Florida Pharmacist Political Committee gather to build an advocacy plan. That plan was presented to and approved by the FPA Board of Directors. The FPA's resources are not unlimited and as such this committee is charged with establishing a priority of the policies that need to be on the table for our advocacy team. We are pleased to continue to work with Claudia Davant and her team at Adams Street Advocates who has tirelessly been at our side working the issues that are important to pharmacy. Ideally, we would love to take on all issues that are out there but bandwidth to take on everything is limited. Also, some policy changes may take place within the Florida House and Senate while others may require action before various state agencies. The approved advocacy plan for 2020 included the following:

Tier One – Public Policy to Advocate For

- Collaborative practice legislation
- Require a pharmacy technician to be on duty with a pharmacist during pharmacy hours.
- PBM legislation addressing transaction fees and anti-steering.
- Test and treat legislation.
- Opposition of automated dispensing systems allowing for mitigation of issues and protection of patient safety
- Metrics in pharmacies

Tier Two – Advocate for if Opportunity is Presented

- DEA Law Enforcement Opioid Overreach advocacy to the Governor's Office, Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics and Opioid Task Force
- Revise laws allowing for ACPE providers to offer the 3-hour vaccine safety continuing education available exclusively through the Florida Medical Association. It is recommended to collect evidence of current issues with the existing law.
- Advocate through Board of Pharmacy rulemaking for call centers to properly identify themselves to prescribing practitioners and to patients.
- Advocate for changes in Florida laws that would allow for pharmacists to prescribe oral contraceptives.

- Advocate before the Division of Drugs, Devices Cosmetics Wholesaler Advisory Council the issues surrounding wholesaler quality and regulatory affairs (QRA) audits of pharmacies.
- Advocate for changes in Florida laws that allow pharmacists to initiate prescriptions for drug delivery aids.
- Advocate for changes in Florida laws that would require pharmacist patient screening services in medical marijuana dispensaries.

Tier Three – Monitor

- Continue working with AHCA on network restrictions.
- Monitor the Board of Pharmacy for the development of telepharmacy services.
- Work with the Florida ASCP Chapter on changes to Florida laws that require consultant pharmacists in ALF and other facilities.
- Foreign drug importation