



South Carolina Pharmacy Association

Policy Statements and Positions

The policies in this manual are not intended to be all encompassing. Policies may be revoked, changed or supplemented at any time. All attempts will be made to update this policy manual in a timely manner to reflect the Association's most recent policy positions. Therefore, this manual may not reflect the Association's current position. As a result, no official position or policy should be implied from any statements in this manual.

Individuals should confirm all policies with the Association office. Official policies shall be maintained within the Association office at the address listed below.

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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 & Externship in Rural SC*

SCPhA intends to aid the colleges of pharmacy in South Carolina in the expansion and utilization of mentor programs and externships 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.

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.

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.

09-104: *Immunization Administration Curriculum*

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