Legislative Update
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It was another busy session for pharmacy legislation here in the Granite State. Three key bills which were signed into law are summarized below.

Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technician
HB 463-FN – (Second New Title) Relative to licensure of advanced pharmacy technicians.
Sponsored by Rep. Gary Merchant, this bill establishes the duties of and requirements for the licensure of licensed advanced pharmacy technicians working in a pharmacy under a supervising pharmacist. This bill was originally introduced with the title, licensed pharmacist assistant. Pharmacists testified that the bill was focused on advancing the pharmacy technician role so the bill should be amended to reflect that.

Signed by the Governor on June 5, 2019
Effective Date: July 1, 2019

NHPA is proud to report that Maryann Cooper, current president of the NHPA, and Bob Stout, president elect of NHPA, are members of the work group lead by Board Commissioner John Genovese, RPh, that is drafting rules to govern this new licensure.

Red Cap/Orange Sticker Bill
HB 359 - Relative to warning labels on prescription drugs containing opiates.
Sponsored by Rep. Loughman, this bill requires any drug which contains an opiate dispensed by a health care provider or pharmacy to have an orange sticker on the cap or dispenser and a warning label regarding the risks of the drug. This bill also requires the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery to develop a handout on the risks of opioids and how to mitigate them for persons who are receiving prescriptions for opioids. The NH Pharmacists Association and the NH Society of Health-System Pharmacists testified in opposition to this bill. They argued that counseling is most effective.

Signed by the Governor on July 12, 2019
Effective Date: January 1, 2020

SB 120-FN - Relative to the controlled drug prescription health and safety program.
Sponsored by Senator Giuda, this bill makes changes to the controlled drug prescription health and safety program, including the transfer of the program from the board of pharmacy to the office of professional licensure and authorizing the program to share certain information with other state departments.

Signed by the Governor on July 29, 2019
Effective Date: September 27, 2019

For a complete synopsis of all pharmacy related bills reviewed during the 2019 legislative session and their current status, click here.
NHPA Members Spotlight

Maryann Cooper, Current President of NHPA, to Represent NH Pharmacists at APhA Meeting

The APhA invited Maryann Cooper to participate in a Joint meeting among State Pharmacy Association executives and the APhA Board of Trustees at the APhA Headquarters in Washington DC this month. This is an exclusive invite with the APhA providing a stipend for travel. It is anticipated that Maryann will be active in discussions regarding the role of Advanced Pharmacy Technicians as the state of New Hampshire is a leader in this area.

Lorraine Radick, RPh, Selected to Serve on the New Hampshire Vaccine Association Board

Lorraine Radick, President Emeritus of the NHPA, was sworn in as a member of the NHVA Board on June 19, 2019.

The New Hampshire Vaccine Association (“NHVA”) is a not-for-profit voluntary corporation that works to improve access to childhood vaccines while lowering health care costs. NHVA does not set vaccine policy or create vaccine laws for New Hampshire. It collects and administers vaccine funding in New Hampshire so that the state can purchase vaccines for all children, regardless of income or insurance coverage. NHVA funds New Hampshire’s universal vaccine purchasing program through a cooperative approach involving insurers, health care providers, and the New Hampshire Departments of Insurance and Health and Human Services.

The (NHVA) facilitates universal purchase of vaccines for the children of New Hampshire. By collecting payments from health plans, insurers, and other payers and remitting the funds to the state, the NHVA makes it possible for:

- Physicians, clinics, and hospitals to receive state-supplied vaccines at no charge.
- Privately insured children to have easy access to critical vaccines.
- All payers to participate in one of the most efficient, cost-effective systems in the country for purchasing and distributing childhood vaccines.

For more information, please go to NHVA’s website at www.nhvaccine.org

Articles of Interest

Vaping and its associated connection with lung disease is the hot topic in the news and social media. Pharmacists are on the frontline to educate the public. To obtain the most recent updates and resources, read more

Retail sales of CBD products are projected to reach $1.9 billion by 2020 and major chain pharmacies are now carrying these products according to an article in Pharmacy Times, September 05, 2019. To learn more about the challenges facing pharmacists in this health culture trend, read more

Pharmacists in the United States provide a critical role in Tobacco Cessation. To find out more about states that allow pharmacist to prescribe Tobacco Cessation products and facts supporting this role, see the Infographic provided by NASPA (National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations).
Technicians’ Corner

This is an empowering time for pharmacy technicians as your role is evolving to include more responsibility. The state of New Hampshire recognizes the importance of pharmacy technicians and is the first in the country to sign into law a Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technician (effective date July 1, 2019). Board Commissioner, John Genovese, RPh is working with a group of pharmacy representatives in drafting rules regarding the requirements of licensure and the duties allowed to be performed. Two NHPA members, Maryann Cooper and Bob Stout are part of this select team. Stayed tuned for more information on this new opportunity.

Join Us: Keep Abreast of the News and Be the Voice for Pharmacy Technicians in New Hampshire. The NHPA is looking for technicians to join the NHPA Board. We need the technician perspective. Meetings are once monthly at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Manchester, but can be attended via teleconference. Your voice is important and can be heard. Take this opportunity to meet and interact with your pharmacy peers and to help shape the practice of NH pharmacy. Interested candidates, please submit email at info@nhpharmacists.net.

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- Addiction and Diversion in NH Pharmacists and Technicians
- Everybody Makes Mistakes: Medication Safety in Pharmacy Practice

Please see NHPA Website to register and for additional information

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Well-Being Survey Tool from APhA

Have you ever wondered how your Well-Being compares to others? Consider investing six minutes in your well-being. The Well-Being Index is a brief online self-assessment, invented by the Mayo Clinic and brought to you through a partnership with the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), which provides you immediate individualized feedback including tools and local and national resources to address your well-being. You can set-up the frequency you wish to assess your well-being and track your progress.

Your information and score are private and your individual score will not be shared with APhA or anyone else. You do not have to be an APhA member to participate.

Take the survey now in a few easy steps:

Go to: [https://www.mywellbeingindex.org/signup](https://www.mywellbeingindex.org/signup)

If asked for a participation code, use APhA
Register (approx. 3 minutes)
Take the survey (approx. 3 minutes)

The New Hampshire Pharmacists Association needs your support!

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- We provide continuing education programs where you can obtain current, up-to-date and pertinent information!
- Our website offers you a window into your profession! Our website is current with important professional information & events!
- Annual membership for January thru December is:

  Pharmacists $100.00
  Pharmacy Student; $25.00
  Technicians; $25.00

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