New Challenges, Same Approach
Focus, Hard Work & Ethics are Our Constants

It’s hard to believe that we’ve almost circled back to the start of another legislative session. The interim has hardly been a quiet time for us, as we have been working hard to prepare new goals and address new challenges. As always, our focus, commitment, resources and reputation are our tools for success.

The independent pharmacy landscape is constantly shifting, but our advocacy agenda will always focus on strategic goals, achievable incremental changes and a professional, cooperative approach to doing business. Our Board, staff and consultants have steadily followed this course and its validated by our growing list of successes:

- Passage of prompt-pay and audit reforms in 2011;
- Passage of major MAC transparency and audit oversight bills in 2013 & 2015 with the resulting creation of online MAC portals;
- Securing vital franchise tax gains for independent pharmacies in 2013 & 2015;
- The nation’s first comprehensive ban on PBM transaction fees in 2015; and
- Passage in 2017 of a ban on clawbacks and tougher criminal penalties for drug thefts.

Our Principles:

- **Focus on achievable goals you can build on:** It’s easy to shoot for the moon; it’s much harder to actually pass a bill.
- **Take a long-term view:** bridges & alliances built today reap future trust & cooperation.
- **Be willing to discuss & negotiate differences.** Just saying “no” is rarely a useful policy position because it solves nothing.
- **Always honor your commitments.**
- **Give credit to those who help you — and expect credit from others for your effort.**
- **Advocate the value of your own objectives and efforts rather than attacking others.**
- **Cooperate with like-minded groups whenever possible with the caveat that talk is not leadership and that sitting together at a table does not make everyone equal.**

The Importance and Challenges of Cooperation

By any measure of resources, reputation or accomplishments, TPBC is the clear leader in advocacy for Texas independents. In leading, we work with other pharmacy groups whenever their efforts align with our goals and positions, because working together and speaking in one voice are admirable goals, even if difficult in practical terms.

We are especially vigilant in the selection and hiring of our contract lobby team, so we are naturally concerned about the conflicts of interest we see in some groups’ lobbyists. Those conflicts could flare up at a critical point during the session and threaten our goals. Accordingly, we will continue to keep our own initiatives close to our vest — in an unpredictable world of competing interests and styles, the only thing we can control is our own efforts.

We Need Your Help!
We are well-prepared and have a talented advocacy team in place, but your grassroots support is vital to our efforts. We need pharmacists to come to Austin to testify and call legislators in their home districts when called upon. Our allies value your input, so please fill out the Grassroots Contact Form on page 10. And don’t forget that our ability to financially support our legislative allies is critical to our advocacy success. You can support that effort by using the form on page 11 to contribute to APRxPAC.
Medicaid, Highways, Schools to Keep Budget Tight

The State’s Fiscal Outlook

The Texas economy is booming. Unemployment is low and sales tax revenue is growing. A year of gains in oil and gas revenue mean the State’s Rainy Day Fund will hold a projected $11 billion by 2019, up from $9.7 billion last session. Given that scenario, it seems unlikely that state funding would be tight in 2019, but it will.

Because they underfunded Medicaid in 2017, lawmakers will face a $2.5 billion Medicaid shortfall when they convene in January. Plus, the Legislature diverted $500 million from the Texas HHSC budget during the 2017 special session to help fund public education. Legislators also deferred a $1.6 billion state payment to the Texas Highway Fund to the 2020-2021 budget cycle, which will be due when they convene.

Add ongoing recovery costs from Hurricane Harvey and the loss of a projected $440 million in sales taxes on internet purchases (due to the Internet Tax Freedom Act passed by Congress). Despite the tight outlook, don’t be surprised if the Legislature pushes for more franchise tax cuts, further shrinking the pot.

Big-ticket “wish list” proposals are unlikely to see the light of day.

Contentious Issues

The 2017 session was marked by ideological clashes between the Senate’s ultraconservative leaders and the more moderate House led by Speaker Joe Straus, who did not seek re-election. Don’t expect that rift to close just because Straus is gone — some House members still chafe over what they consider overly aggressive tactics by the Senate in 2017.

Expect a repeat fight over public school funding and the prickly vouchers issue, which sank a school funding bill last session. GOP hardliners will push for more restrictive abortion laws, especially since conservative jurists now have a 5-4 majority on the U.S. Supreme Court. Dems will focus on relaxing marijuana laws, boosting school funding and voter rights.

Lots of New Faces Under the Dome

32 new House members and 3 new Senators will be sworn in next month. Democrats flipped 12 seats in the Texas House, shrinking last session’s lopsided 95-55 split to a more competitive 83-67. Women picked up five seats in the House, boosting their share to 34 of 150 (2%).

Among the GOP House casualties was Matt Rinaldi of Irving — a leader of the influential House Freedom Caucus — who lost to Democrat Julie Johnson as part of a bloc of wins by Dallas-area Dems. Moderate Republicans Tony Dale of Cedar Park and Paul Workman of Austin also lost their seats.

Democrats’ gains in the midterm elections should boost their bargaining power next session — starting with concessions they should gain in the election of a new House Speaker, a race already locked up, apparently, by Angleton Republican Dennis Bonnen.

In the Senate, incumbents Don Huffines and Konni Burton lost to Democratic challengers. Dems are overwhelming favorites to retain the District 6 Senate seat in Houston to be filled in a Dec. 11 special election called after incumbent Democrat Sylvia Garcia was elected to the U.S. House. The winner will be the 9th woman in the Texas Senate (29%), as all four candidates are female. The GOP still holds enough seats in the upper chamber — 19 — to bring legislation to the floor and pass it with no Democratic support.
PBM Reforms At the Top of Everyone’s Wish List

PBM-bashing is picking up momentum across the country. Encouraged by North Dakota’s far-reaching 2017 reforms — which have so far stood up to PBM appeals — other states are taking various steps to rein in PBM practices as media and political scrutiny of the billion-dollar corporations intensifies. While they are far from representing a national movement, these recent successes in a handful of states clearly show that lawmakers across the country are starting to understand how the PBMs’ role in managing pharmacy benefits is rife with secrecy, profiteering and massive conflicts of interest.

After a spirited 3-day special session in March, fired-up Arkansas legislators passed a PBM reform bill that requires licensing and annual reporting to the state, allows the Insurance Commissioner to establish prohibited practices, and sets standards for network adequacy and pharmacy reimbursements.

In August, the state of Ohio cancelled all its MCO contracts with its Medicaid program after news broke that PBMs were reaping big profits from spread contracts. The state issued new requirements mandating pass-through pricing by PBMs.

In West Virginia, state leaders announced that they had saved $38 million in the first year after they moved Medicaid pharmacy benefits from managed care back to direct pay.

In April, Kentucky enacted legislation requiring PBMs in the state’s Medicaid program to disclose how much they are paid by MCOs and how much of that amount is passed through to pharmacies. The bill also gives the Department for Medicaid Services direct control over outpatient pharmacy benefits, including the authority to set reimbursement rates between a PBM and a contracted pharmacy.

These victories are encouraging to us all, but may have lifted hopes and expectations in Texas to unrealistic levels. The political landscape in Texas for PBM reform has indeed improved from last session, but Texas remains a staunchly pro-big business state and the PBM lobby is powerful and well-funded. Momentum is on our side, but victories will continue to be hard-won.

But, Not All the News is Good...

In Washington State, three pharmacy groups lost their lawsuit against the Washington State Healthcare Authority over the state’s switch to NADAC-based pharmacy reimbursement with a dispensing fee of $4.24 to $5.25, a fee that has not changed in 12 years. WSPA, NACDS and NCPA have since appealed, and CMS sent the state a letter in September that rejects the low dispensing fee. But the state asked CMS to reconsider and the issue remains in limbo. Those who continually push for NADAC pricing in Texas Medicaid should heed this saga — As TPBC has firmly held for years now, the greater transparency and consistency of NADAC is no help at all to independent pharmacists if it is not accompanied by a guaranteed dispensing fee of $10 or more.

A Sliver of Hope at the Federal Level

On Nov. 26, CMS released a proposed new rule that would require PBMs to shift price concessions (DIR fees) to the point of sale to allow patients to realize the benefit of adjusted prices. CMS also said it is considering its own standards for assessing pharmacy performance to replace punitive PBM metrics. Although these rules would not eliminate or lower DIR fees, the fees would be more transparent and predictable.

TPBC supports the following bills in Congress, which are not progressing at this time:

- **S 413/HR 1038** would prohibit Medicare Part D plans/PBMs from retroactively reducing payment on clean claims submitted by pharmacies. No hearing yet.
- **HR 1316** would increase pricing transparency in Medicare Part D, TRICARE and the federal employee health plan by requiring PBMs to publish and frequently update MAC lists and establish a MAC appeals process. No hearing.
- **S 1044/HR 1939** would increase rural seniors’ access to independent pharmacies by requiring that rural independents be included in PBMs’ Medicare Part D pharmacy networks. No hearing.
TPBC HOT LIST: Pharmacy Issues on Our Radar

**E-Prescribing**
TPBC supports mandatory e-prescribing as proven way to reduce prescription errors and fraud. We are not comfortable with a mandate on prescribers that incudes civil and/or criminal penalties for non-compliance.

**Expanded Immunization Authority**
TPBC supports incremental expansion of pharmacists’ immunization authority in current vaccine classes.

**Franchise Taxes**
TPBC will continue to work to secure additional reductions in the marginal tax rates as well as expanded exemptions.

**Medicaid Formulary**
Legislation is already prefiled to allow MCOs & PBMs to establish their own drug lists. **TPBC supports a single Vendor Drug-managed formulary with a targeted 5% - 7% increase in the program’s generic utilization rate.**

**Medicaid Rx Payment Reform**
We can never count out another longshot attempt to “carve out” pharmacy from Medicaid managed care.

**NADAC Reimbursement Methodology**
TPBC opposes a switch from MAC to NADAC as the basis for pharmacy reimbursement in Medicaid managed care without an ironclad guarantee of an accompanying dispensing fee of $10 - $12.

**Opioid Monitoring & Restrictions**
TPBC will oppose any attempt to remove physicians and dentists from previously approved monitoring and reporting requirements. There will likely be an effort to push back the 9/1/2019 start of the new checking and reporting mandate to allow more time for software implementation.

**PBM Oversight & Monitoring**
Several bills will be filed to establish increased regulation of PBMs, including how they reimburse pharmacies in Medicaid managed care. **TPBC will support well-drafted, realistic proposals to curb harmful PBM practices.**

**Pharmacists’ Scope of Practice**
Legislation is likely to authorize collaborative drug therapy management with prescriptive authority for pharmacists.

**Physician Dispensing**
TPBC opposes a bill that has been prefiled to allow dispensing of aesthetic drugs by dermatologists, ophthalmologists and therapeutic optometrists, and a prefiled bill to allow broad-based dispensing by all physician classes.

**Provider Status & Compensation**
TPBC supports expanded coverage and payment for patient-care services and expansion of compensable services delivered in the role of a health-care provider.

**Technician Supervision Ratios**
TPBC will continue to oppose any increase in the 1:4 pharmacist/technician ratio for Class A & B pharmacies.

**Telemedicine Expansion**
Legislation will be filed to expand telemedicine by allowing physicians to establish the MD-patient relationship by remote communication. Current law requires an existing relationship prior to telemedicine care.

**Telepharmacy Expansion**
TPBC will oppose an expected attempt to significantly weaken the tight standards that were passed in 2017 for the establishment and operation of telepharmacies.

**Transaction Fees**
TPBC will be vigilant to any attempt to repeal or weaken our landmark transaction fee ban passed in 2015.
Bills Affecting Pharmacy

Filing Started Nov. 12 & Continues Through March 8 — Here’s What We’re Tracking:

**HB 80 | Richard Pena Raymond, D-Laredo**
Caption: Relating to a study and report regarding shortages in certain health professions.
Intent: Would require a study and report by 12/1/2013 on TX shortages in doctoral-level health professionals.

**HB 209 (Same as SB 90) | Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City**
Caption: Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use...
Intent: Would allow dispensing of medical marijuana as a “recommended” treatment vs. medically necessary.

**HB 220 | Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, D-San Antonio**
Caption: Relating to reimbursement of health care providers under Medicaid.
Intent: Would allow Texas Medicaid providers to negotiate with MCOs on reimbursement rates.

**HB 247 | Donna Howard, D-Austin**
Caption: Relating to provision of information . . . (on) emergency contraception to sexual assault survivors.
Intent: Would require the state to develop a standardized information form for sexual assault victims that includes information about the availability of emergency contraception.

**HB 379 | J.M. Lozano, R-Kingsville**
Caption: Relating to prosecution of organized criminal activity involving a controlled substance or dangerous drug.
Intent: Would add “intent to distribute” to the list of prosecutable drug offenses by criminal gangs.

**HB 437 | Matt Shaheen, R-Plano**
Caption: Relating to allowing Medicaid managed care organizations to adopt their own drug formularies.
Intent: Would allow MCOs in the Texas Medicaid program to adopt their own drug formularies

**HB 454 | Matt Shaheen, R-Plano**
Caption: Relating to the dispensing of certain medications by therapeutic optometrists.
Intent: Would allow therapeutic optometrists to dispense related drugs and charge a dispensing fee.

**HB 460 | Matt Shaheen, R-Plano**
Caption: Relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by physicians.
Intent: Would allow all classes of physicians to dispense all drugs, including scheduled medications.

**SB 65 | Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound**
Caption: Relating to state contracting and procurement.
Intent: Would broaden the scope and toughen standards in monitoring of state contracts by the State Auditor, and would require the individual rating of the 25 largest agencies on their need for additional monitoring.

**SB 66 | Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound**
Caption: Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax . . . and the expiration of that tax.
Intent: Would trigger specified current-year decreases in the marginal rates of the state franchise tax if the state’s official biennial revenue estimate projects a sufficient surplus.

**SB 145 | Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso**
Caption: Relating to health benefit plan coverage in this state.
Intent: Would prohibit most public and private health plans (including Medicaid/CHIP) from requiring cost sharing for routine CDC-recommended immunizations or for specified preventive care, screenings and items.

**SB 148 | Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso**
Caption: Relating to covered benefits under the child health plan.
Intent: Would require CHIP to cover contraceptives & allow their dispensing to minors with parental consent.
Texas State Pharmacy Board’s Legislative Priorities

In mid-November, The Texas State Board of Pharmacy published its own list of recommended changes in Texas law governing pharmacies and pharmacists. Here are the notable items:

■ Self-Directed Semi-independent Agency Status
  TSBP will seek legislative authority to be a semi-independent agency that self-directs its own activities and sets its own budget.

■ Require Submission of “Zero” Report for Controlled Substance Prescriptions
  TSBP wants to require pharmacies to file a “Zero” report every seven days to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) even if no controlled drugs are dispensed, as most other states require.

■ Revocation of Pharmacy License for Failure to Open Within 6 Months
  Add Section 560.105 of the Texas Pharmacy Act (TPA) to allow the Board to revoke a pharmacy’s license to operate in Texas if the pharmacy does not open within six months of license issuance.

■ Authority to Issue Citations for Simple Violations
  TSBP will seek authority to issue citations to licensees & registrants in some situations without holding a disciplinary hearing, such as in the case of a technician working with an expired registration.

■ Pharmacy Practice in Small & Rural Hospitals
  TSBP wants to reduce the size of small hospitals that may operate a Class C Pharmacy without a full-time pharmacist from 100 beds to 50 beds. It will also seek to repeal the authorization for nurses to supervise pharmacy technicians in some rural hospitals. Technology now allows remote pharmacist supervision.

■ Grounds for Discipline of Pharmacies & Pharmacists
  The Board will seek to expand the list of violations of the Health & Safety Code that are grounds for discipline of pharmacies and pharmacists to include offenses concerning Simulated Controlled Substances, Abusable Volatile Chemicals and OTC sales of Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine and Norpseudoephedrine.

Free Resources for Monitoring the Texas Legislature & Congress

Texas Legislature Online  www.capitol.state.tx.us
This free resource isn’t the fastest or most feature-laden, but it lets you search for legislation by lawmaker, bill number or keywords, as well as create and maintain tracking lists. When the session gets busy, it can be slow to update.

Texas House of Representatives  www.house.state.tx.us
View live and recorded video feeds of committee hearings; get House news, biographical and contact information for House members; check daily calendars and view schedules of Capitol/House events, meetings and broadcasts.

Texas Senate  www.senate.state.tx.us
The Senate’s website has content very similar to the House’s, but includes a Spanish-language version of the site.

Texas Legislative Council  www.tlc.state.tx.us
TLC is a state entity providing legal, research and analytical support to the Legislature. It’s a great reference source for legislative procedures, reviewing research and reports on key issues and accessing summaries of past sessions.

Legislative Reference Library of Texas  www.lrl.state.tx.us
The official research arm of the Legislature is the best place to access Texas statutes, the Texas Constitution and the Texas Administrative Code, as well as the legislative archives.

Texas Tribune  www.texastribune.org  |  www.texastribune.org/directory
The Tribune has among the most comprehensive and objective online news coverage of the Texas Legislature. Be sure to check out the Elected Officials Directory, which has extensive information about all 181 legislators.

Congress.gov
A comprehensive site for finding and tracking federal legislation, House/Senate calendars, and members of Congress.
How a Bill Becomes Law
The Texas Legislative Process

Major 86th Session Dates & Deadlines

Each regular session, the Texas Legislative Council publishes a calendar, “Deadlines for Action Under House & Senate Rules,” that shows end-of-session deadlines established under House and Senate rules. Those deadlines are determined at the start of each regular session.

The deadlines listed below are established by state law:

Monday, Nov. 12, 2018 – Prefiling of legislation for the 86th Legislature begins.

SESSION BEGINS
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 – 86th Legislature convenes at noon.

Friday, March 8, 2019 – (60th day) Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills declared an emergency by the governor.

Monday, May 27, 2019 – (140th day) Last day of regular session; bill corrections only in House and Senate.

SESSION ENDS
Sunday, June 16, 2019 – (20th day after final adjournment) Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular session.

Monday, Aug. 26, 2019 – (91st day after final adjournment) Date that bills without immediate enactment or specific effective dates become law.
How to Work Effectively & Build Influence With Legislators

Always...
1. Know your legislator — What are his/her major causes? Any expertise in health-care or pharmacy issues?
2. Make an appointment — Legislators may be unavailable if you drop in unannounced. If you meet with staff, treat them with respect.
3. Be prepared — Know relevant facts & talking points so you will be clear, factual and to the point.
4. Be focused & specific — State your purpose up front and raise one issue at a time. If you are address specific legislation, identify the bill number.
5. Be positive — Don’t attack the opposition. Sell your own position instead.
6. Offer solutions — Raise your concerns, but advocate a specific action.
7. Make your legislator’s job easier — Leave a concise fact sheet or issue summary. Know the opposing arguments and frequently asked questions.
8. Be courteous — Thank the legislator up front for his/her valuable time. Do it again before you leave.
9. Send a prompt thank-you letter that reinforces your name, organization & issues. Include your business card.

Never...
1. Interrupt a busy legislator — call again later.
2. Exaggerate your stature or connections — Your credibility will suffer.
3. Aggressively press for an answer or commitment.
4. Present a laundry list of issues — it dilutes the value of your key focus.
5. Moralize or question motivations — Stick to facts & objectives.
6. Use jargon — Few lawmakers know what “PBM” or “MAC” mean.
7. Send form letters or e-mails — Personalize all communications.

If You Testify...
1. Bring printed copies of your testimony with your name & contact info.
2. Identify yourself, who you represent, the bill number and your position in support or opposition.
3. Be brief & accurate — Use personal examples to make your point.
4. Do not make statements or claims you cannot substantiate.
5. Stick to the time limit. Thank the committee & chairperson when done.

Tools to Help You Engage
As a business owner, you are an important employer and taxpayer. As a pharmacy expert, you have vital knowledge and experience in how pharmacy care affects your patients and community. You can be a great asset to your legislators and we’ll show you how.

Just go to txrxcouncil.org and download our 10-page Get the Lege Out guide. It’s got lots of advice, resources and editable letters and documents to help you build a successful outreach effort.

Want More Clout?

Here’s What It Takes to Have Real Influence on Texas Lawmakers
If you want to visit your representative or senator once every few years and send an occasional email or letter, that’s fine. But that level of interaction won’t get you optimal access or build the ability to influence decisions. Here’s what it takes:

Know the Issues
Keep abreast of issues affecting independents and TPBC’s position on them. Be sure to follow our newsletters, reports and website at www.txrxcouncil.org. We work year-round on pharmacy issues and will keep you in the loop.

Be Part of the Team
Join our grass roots contact network so we can coordinate our efforts with yours, provide you support and let you know when we need your help. You can use the form on page 10 to sign up.

Be a Useful Resource
Don’t call on your legislators only when you want something — stay in frequent contact so they know and value you as a resource on pharmacy issues. Host them at your store and invite the media. Offer to be a personal pharmacy adviser.

Show Your Support
Nothing shows commitment and support to a legislator like a campaign contribution. Nothing shows you are more serious about politically supporting your business model and TPBC like giving to APRxPAC. The form is on page 11.
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