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# Texas Legislative Update on Pharmacy Issues



**The Pharmacy Agenda**  
**During this**  
**Texas Legislative Session**



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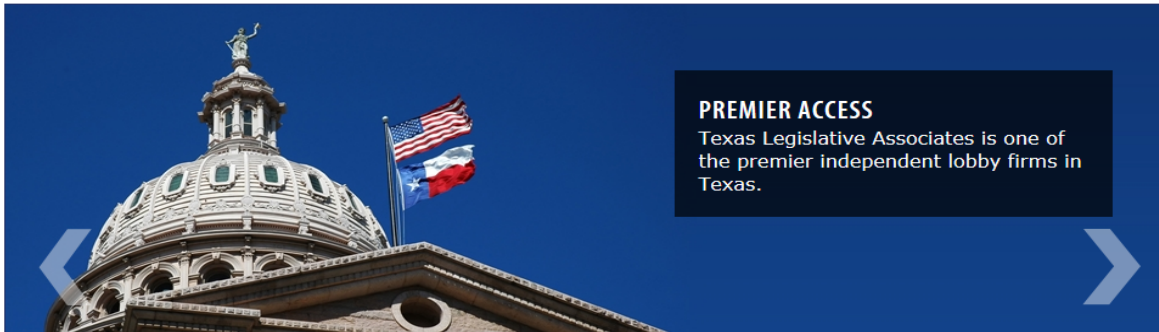


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Special Session 2 set for July 1 called on abortion, transportation, and juvenile justice legislation #SpecialSession2 #texas #txlege

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# Who Represents Pharmacy in Texas

- ✓ Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists
  - ✓ Texas Federation of Drug Stores
  - ✓ Texas Pharmacy Association
- ✓ Texas Pharmacy Business Council
- ✓ Academy of Independent Pharmacists
- ✓ Texas Independent Pharmacy Association
  - ✓ Texas True Care



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# ***2017 - Pharmacists Standing Shoulder-to-Shoulder***







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*In the Past.... Not so much !!!*



***More Voices in the Choir.....***



# *Diversity within Pharmacy Workplace led to less Collaboration...*







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***So... In January of 2017***

***The Texas  
Legislative  
Session  
Began...***





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## 2017 Pharmacy Legislation...



These are the major  
pharmacy related  
bills being  
considered...





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# ***New Pharmacy Issues...***



## ✓ **Expansion of Pharmacist scope of practice.**

- **Providing meds for CLIA waived tests,**
- **Providing Smoking cessation and travel drugs,**
- **Provider status for insurance payments.**



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# ***New Pharmacy Issues...***



## ✓ **Medicaid Managed Care.**

- **Adopts NADAC drug pricing,**
- **Requires dispensing fee study,**
- **Sets minimum dispensing fee,**
- **Requires generic drug utilization.**



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# ***New Pharmacy Issues...***



## ✓ **Regulation of PBMs**

- **defines PBMs as “insurance entity”**
- **Regulates contracting provisions**
- **Prohibits transaction fees**
- **Prohibits “Claw-back fees”**



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# ***New Pharmacy Issues...***



- ✓ **Medication Synchronization**
  - **Allowing a pharmacist to synchronize a patients refills.**
- ✓ **Telepharmacy**
  - **Expanded automated dispensing sites tied to a Class A pharmacy located in rural areas,**
  - **Remote supervision of Techs accessing a pharmacy “system” from home.**





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## ***Other New Pharmacy Issues...***



- ✓ **Enhanced Penalties for Pharmacy Theft**
- ✓ **Doctor Dispensing**
  - Allowing a physician to sell drugs to patients.
- ✓ **Co-Prescribing**
  - Requires the TMB to set standards for physicians prescriptions for Opioids.



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## *Other New Pharmacy Issues...*

### ✓ **E-Prescribing**

- Requiring physicians and pharmacists to use e-prescribing for all schedule II drugs.

### ✓ **Nurse Practitioner Prescribing & Dispensing**

- Independent practice by ANPs





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## *Other New Pharmacy Issues...*



### ✓ Prescription Monitoring Program

- Mandatory registration for doctors and pharmacists,
- Mandatory look-up for both prescribers and dispensers for opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodols, (**20 million scripts**)
- Start date - ???



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## ***Other New Pharmacy Issues...***



- ✓ **Pharmacy Sunset Bill**
  - Reauthorization of the TSBP
  
- ✓ **Pharmacy Clean-up Bill**
  - Discipline of pharmacy - Shortage
  - Definition of compounding,
  - Required technician training,
  - Closed pharmacy rules





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*The Session ended May 29th....*

*So Stay  
Tuned for  
our final  
report...*





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# *Preparing for 2019*





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*Preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session....*



**Texas Pharmacy Summit**

A Collaboration of Independent, Chain & Hospital Pharmacies





# *Pharmacy groups participating*







## *Collaboratively developing proposals for 2019...*



- ✓ **Enhanced Access for Patient Services;**
  - Strep & Flu tests & medications
  - Smoking cessation drugs
  - Oral contraceptives
- ✓ **PBM Reforms;**
  - Increased regulation of marketing practices
  - Reimbursement transparency
  - Prohibited Transaction & DIR fees
- ✓ **Medicaid Managed Care**
  - NADAC Pricing, AWP, Generic Drugs
- ✓ **Pharmacist Administered Immunizations**
  - To school age children....



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## *Collaboratively developing proposals for 2019...*



- ✓ **Reimbursement for Pharmacist Services**
  - Washington State Law
- ✓ **Mandatory E-Prescribing**
  - For schedule II drugs
- ✓ **Distribution of Repackaged Drugs**
  - To Class F pharmacies within hospital systems
- ✓ **Collaborative Practice Agreements**
  - Clarify law to allow pharmacists to work under medical protocols.
- ✓ **Accreditation of Specialty Pharmacies**
  - No MCO requirement more than TSBP



# *Game Changer.....*

**Chaired by;**



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**We Need New Friends....**

**Please.... Let us know if you know a  
pharmacist-friendly legislator who is  
serving in the legislature !!!**





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profession on Earth... is  
under attack***

***Get involved NOW !!!***



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