

THE MISSOURI PHARMACY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PACKET

**“PHARMACISTS AT THE FOREFRONT
OF CARE AND COMMUNITY”**

To Our Loyal Members,

Thank you for your support and dedication to the profession of pharmacy in Missouri. I hope you will make your voice heard and join us for our events, advocacy, research and educational opportunities.

The Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) is dedicated to a collective goal – promoting and protecting the profession of pharmacy.

MPA offers strength in numbers when it comes to sharing the opinions of you and your peers and the needs of Missouri pharmacists, technicians, and student pharmacists. MPA works hard for our members at the Missouri Capitol, and we fight to ensure that the practice of pharmacy is protected and will flourish for years to come.

We look forward to working with our members.

Sincerely,



Ron L. Fitzwater, CAE
Chief Executive Officer



ABOUT MPA

MISSION

Promote and protect the role of pharmacists as the medication expert in patient care relationships, and as an integral part of the health care team.

VISION

Pharmacists at the forefront of care and community.

**“AFTER GRADUATION,
NEW PHARMACISTS
RECEIVE THEIR FIRST YEAR
OF MEMBERSHIP FREE!”**

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EVENTS | STAY IN THE KNOW

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MPA LEGISLATIVE DAY

MPA ANNUAL CONVENTION
& TRADE SHOW

PHARMACIST OF THE DAY

REGIONAL MEETINGS

STAY IN THE KNOW

VISIT MPA'S WEBSITE: MORX.COM

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & E-ALERTS

[MISSOURI PHARMACIST MAGAZINE](#)

[PHARMACY FRONTIERS PODCAST](#)

(Available on Apple, Spotify, YouTube, and PodBean)



GET INVOLVED | OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing Education (CE): Access high-quality, ACPE-accredited CE programs — in-person and online — designed to meet your professional needs and licensure requirements. MPA provides high-quality, ACPE-accredited continuing education opportunities through live events, webinars, and the Annual Conference.

Annual Conference & Events: Network with peers, learn from national experts, and engage in hands-on sessions to advance your practice. The MPA Annual Conference and regional meetings offer professional growth, networking, and access to national and state-level pharmacy experts.

Leadership Opportunities: Members have the opportunity to serve on committees, workgroups, and task forces, cultivating leadership skills and contributing to the advancement of the profession.

PRACTICE SUPPORT

Clinical Resources: Utilize evidence-based practice tools, templates, and updates to enhance patient care and improve workflow.

Regulatory and Compliance Assistance: Members have access to staff support for guidance on Board of Pharmacy rules, scope of practice, and compliance-related questions.

Business Resources: Access guidance on compliance, reimbursement, and pharmacy management to strengthen your operations.

Member Helpline: Get direct access to staff experts for assistance with policy interpretation, regulatory questions, or practice challenges.

Practice Advancement Resources: Members receive updates and resources supporting innovative practice models, clinical service development, and patient-centered care.

NETWORKING & COMMUNITY

Professional Connections: MPA connects pharmacists, technicians, students, and corporate members across all practice settings to strengthen Missouri's pharmacy community.

RECOGNITION & OPPORTUNITIES

Awards & Honors: Celebrate excellence in pharmacy practice through annual recognition programs. MPA honors excellence and leadership in pharmacy through annual awards presented at the MPA Conference.

Career Development: Members have access to job postings, professional advancement resources, and opportunities to engage with employers and peers across the state.

Research & Innovation: Stay at the forefront of pharmacy advancement through association-supported initiatives and pilot programs.

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS & RESOURCES

Exclusive Member Communications: Members receive newsletters, legislative updates, and timely association announcements.

Digital Member Portal: The MPA website and member portal provide access to exclusive content, event registration, CE tracking, and advocacy tools.

Information Hub: MPA serves as a trusted source for pharmacy-specific information, practice guidance, and updates on issues impacting the profession statewide.



MPA WILL POST YOUR JOB OPENINGS FREE OF CHARGE FOR MPA JOB POSTINGS AND CPESN MO PHARMACIES!



MPA advocates for your interests at the state and national levels, ensuring community pharmacy has a strong voice in policy, reimbursement, and practice advancement. **CPESN Missouri, a subsidiary organization under MPA,** complements that work by equipping pharmacies to deliver—and get recognized for—enhanced clinical services through value-based care programs, payer contracts, and quality improvement initiatives. While MPA protects and advances the profession, CPESN Missouri helps your pharmacy

actively participate in the care models shaping its future. Together, they provide the advocacy, resources, and operational support you need to remain competitive, expand services, and improve patient outcomes. **Joining both means positioning pharmacy for long-term success in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. [JOIN HERE!](#)**

GET INVOLVED | OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED...



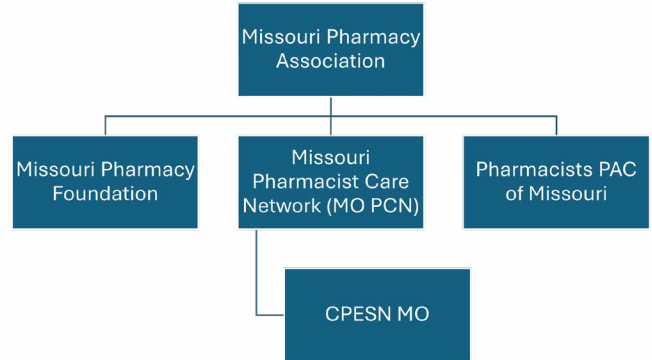
SPHERE (System for Pharmacy Health Encounters Reporting and Evaluation)

This system will achieve three main goals that include standardized documentation, data aggregation, and dashboard visualization of the value of pharmacy encounters. The foundational data warehouse and infrastructure can be scaled for pharmacist providers without new investments in EHRs or other expensive technology, while still using industry-wide interoperability standards allowing for growth and integration with other providers and healthcare team members.

Missouri Pharmacy Foundation (Scholarships)

The Missouri Pharmacy Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization headquartered in Jefferson City, Missouri, and affiliated with the Missouri Pharmacy Association. Since 1951, the Foundation has supported dedicated pharmacy students through its scholarship program, helping them advance their education, expand their knowledge, and cultivate a lifelong passion for the profession. Today, the Missouri Pharmacy Foundation continues to enhance opportunities for students and pharmacists alike by providing scholarships, supporting pharmacist-delivered patient care initiatives that optimize health outcomes, encouraging student participation in Missouri Pharmacy Association activities, and preserving and promoting the rich history of pharmacy in Missouri.

MPA | SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS



PARTNERS

- CDC, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services & local County Health Departments
- Missouri Board of Pharmacy
- Health Resources & Services Administration
- Missouri Foundation for Health
- Cardinal Health Foundation
- National Kidney Foundation
- UMKC School of Pharmacy & UHSP
- Washington University Brown School of Public Health
- Saint Louis University
- CEImpact
- CPESN Missouri & CPESN Community Health
- Community Pharmacy Foundation



ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

The Missouri Pharmacy Association is widely recognized for its leadership and influence in the political arena. MPA invests significant time and effort in building relationships with legislators and legislative candidates at both the state and federal levels. The Association is frequently called upon to provide testimony before committees of the Missouri General Assembly to explain how proposed legislation may impact the pharmacy profession and patient care.

Because the practice of pharmacy is primarily regulated at the state level, maintaining a strong relationship with the Missouri Legislature is critical to advancing and protecting the interests of the profession. MPA actively advocates for policies that strengthen pharmacy practice and patient access to care while opposing measures that may negatively affect pharmacists, technicians, or the delivery of pharmacy services.



MPA also maintains a state-based pharmacist political action committee (PPAC), the **Pharmacist Political Action Committee of Missouri**. The PPAC raises funds throughout the year and uses these resources to support candidates and legislators who demonstrate a commitment to the pharmacy profession. As a non-partisan political committee, PPAC provides members with an effective way to promote sound public policy and support qualified candidates who understand and value the role of pharmacy in Missouri's healthcare system. PPAC carefully evaluates candidates and contributes to those who best represent the interests of pharmacy and the patients we serve. Participation in PPAC is voluntary.

Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy

Your voice is represented at the Capitol to protect and advance the practice of pharmacy through proactive legislative and regulatory efforts. MPA represents Missouri pharmacists and pharmacy professionals at the state and federal levels to protect, promote, and advance the practice of pharmacy.

Policy and Regulatory Updates

Stay informed with timely alerts and summaries of state and federal policy changes that impact your profession and patients. Members receive timely communication on legislative developments, rule changes, and regulatory actions that impact pharmacy practice and patient care.

Grassroots Engagement

Access advocacy tools and coordinated campaigns to strengthen pharmacy's influence in state and national issues. MPA empowers members to participate in advocacy initiatives through coordinated campaigns, action alerts, and direct engagement with elected officials.

Medicaid/FRA Tax

MPA monitors the Federal Reimbursement Allowance Tax that helps fund Missouri's Medicaid program. This ensures that pharmacists maintain the ability to negotiate reimbursement terms directly with MO HealthNet rather than through a PBM(s). This benefits pharmacists, patients, and the State of Missouri.



**MPA IS HERE TO
REPRESENT OUR
HARDWORKING,
LOYAL MEMBERS.**



DONATE

Dear Missouri Pharmacy Members,

As an avid and passionate advocate for the promotion and protection of the profession of pharmacy, I am urging you to donate to the Pharmacist Political Action Committee of Missouri (PPAC). The activity of the PPAC is an essential element of our association's governmental affairs program and is crucial to keep your profession's interests well represented in the public policy process.

The MPA tracks key issues in the policymaking process and the elected legislators and candidates who support and give their consideration to the many issues that are vital to the pharmacy profession. Although pharmacy has been fairing well in the Missouri General Assembly, any election could tip the scales. While your vote counts

more than ever, so does that extra effort with which you support a candidate. Your efforts beyond the ballot box are pivotal to ensuring a candidate's success.

Through the PPAC you can be assured that your financial contribution is put exactly where it needs to go to elect the candidates who will support pharmacy-friendly legislation and initiatives.

If you're not at the table, you're on the menu. My role and a priority of the Missouri Pharmacy Association is to make sure you are always at the table and your voice is heard loud and clear.

Sincerely,
Henrio Thelemaque
Director of Government Affairs

MPA MAKES SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

MPA ensures that you have the information you need to develop a coalition around a specific issue. MPA is here to represent you in the most effective manner possible, and supports you in providing representation among national pharmacy organizations. We work closely and collaborate with Missouri's Colleges of Pharmacy and the Missouri Board of Pharmacy.



Members receive the APR from MPA every Monday during Legislative Session. This digital newsletter highlights key issues for the week, updates, and action alerts to keep you informed and ahead of the game.



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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & PRICING

YOU BELONG HERE. JOIN TODAY!

Below is a list of membership categories to fit your needs.

Individual Member: An individual who currently holds a pharmacist license issued by the Missouri Board of Pharmacy. \$250/year

Associate Member: A non-pharmacist individual interested in advancing the pharmacy profession. \$250/year

Retired Member: An individual pharmacist who has retired. \$125/year

Technician: An individual who is currently registered as a technician with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy. \$25/year

Student: A student currently enrolled in a college of pharmacy. \$0/year

Out-of-state: An individual who neither lives nor practices pharmacy within the state of Missouri. \$175/year

2nd Year Pharmacist Resident or Fellow (PGY2): \$125/year

Business/Pharmacy Membership: A pharmacy licensed with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy or a business advancing the pharmacy profession. With the new Business Members category, your Pharmacy will become a member AND you will provide value to ALL your employees (not just one), as pharmacists (up to 9 per site) and ALL technicians who are employed at your site location. \$750/year

BECOME A MEMBER

