Over the last 150 years, the California Pharmacist Association (CPhA) has strategically positioned ourselves in front of Congress, the California State Legislature and State Agencies to benefit pharmacy practice. In doing so, we have established many important relationships that allow CPhA to advocate for important advancements that benefit the pharmacy profession.

As a member of CPhA, you receive the following benefits:

**ADVOCACY**

- DID YOU KNOW?
  - CPhA works on your behalf with an expert team of lobbyists that anticipate challenges, create solutions, and ensure that the profession is respected, utilized to the fullest, and not charged any unnecessary costs to practice your profession.
  - In the 2017-2018 legislative session, CPhA's Advocacy Team influenced measures that would have cost each pharmacist $2,625 if specific measures were passed. (Turn over for more details)

**EDUCATION**

**NETWORKING**

**PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES:**

- 60% Membership Services (Education, Networking, Professional Benefits)
- 18% Government & Public Affairs
- 13% Communications
- 9% Administrative

Amount saved for each member by the CPhA Advocacy Team in the 2017-2018 legislative session

- $2,625
  - CPhA annual membership dues
- By renewing membership in CPhA, you saved $2,135
Pay to the order of: CPhA Member $ 2,625.00
TWO-THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS & no/100

Memo: This is what CPhA is saving you!

CPhA Advocacy is at work, saving money for pharmacists like you!

A SAMPLE OF BILLS THAT CPhA ADVOCACY TEAM HAS INFLUENCED DURING THE 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AB 1512 (McCarty) – OPIOID ADDICTION PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION ACT
Would have imposed a tax of one cent ($0.01) per milligram on the distribution of opioids. The tax imposed by AB 1512 negatively impacts community pharmacies as they are the direct customers of the wholesale distribution chain and are ultimately the entities who will bear this cost. Cost Implications: Example, a 50 milligram tramadol bottle containing 1000 pills currently costs a pharmacy roughly $50 dollars. Under AB 1512, the total pharmacy price of that bottle is $50 plus a $500 tax.

AB 2859 (Caballero) – PHARMACY: SAFE STORAGE PRODUCTS
This bill would require a chain community pharmacy or an independent community pharmacy that dispenses Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances to display safe storage products within the pharmacy department regardless of whether the pharmacy offers such products for sale. The bill would require the board to assess a fine against a pharmacy for violation of these provisions. Cost Implications: Average wholesale cost of device: $7 – Average $84 month, Fines for non-compliance: Discretion of Board of Pharmacy.

SB 419 (Portantino) – OXYCODONE: PRESCRIPTIONS
This bill would have imposed a number of requirements on “health care providers who are authorized to prescribe” prior to prescribing specified pain medications. Additionally, it would have imposed an unworkable requirement on pharmacists to verify documentation that the prescriber counseled the guardian of the minor on the use of opioids, and alternatives to opioids. This counseling must then be memorialized in a document printed on a secure prescription pad and signed by the minor the guardian, and the prescriber. Cost Implications: Potential administrative penalties for non-compliance.

SB 641 (Lara) CURES – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UTILIZATION REVIEW AND EVALUATION SYSTEM: PRIVACY
Would have required a pharmacy or clinic, in filling a controlled substance prescription, to provide weekly information to DOJ including, the patient’s name, address, gender, and date of birth; the prescriber’s category of license and license number, the pharmacy name and number; the quantity of the drug, number of refills ordered, and whether the drug was dispensed as a refill or first-time request; and date of origin of the prescription and date of dispensing of the prescription. Cost Implications: Potential administrative penalties for non-compliance.

SB 716 (Hernandez) - CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY: PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AND PUBLIC MEMBERS
This bill would have added two additional members to the Board of Pharmacy, a pharmacy technician and an additional public member. This would have resulted in pharmacists being the minority of the Board. Cost Implications: The cost implications are incalculable. While equally committed to protecting the public, non-pharmacist members of the Board do not understand the very complex nature of pharmacy, but they would have been in the majority thereby in the position of determining when a pharmacist should be penalized.

SB 1286 (Pan) - PHARMACY TECHNICIANS
This bill would have increased the “tech ratio” by allowing a pharmacy with only one pharmacist to supervise four pharmacy technicians whereas under current law, it is limited to one pharmacy technician. Cost Implications: Pharmacists in chain settings may be replaced with technicians as a cost savings measure. Average pharmacist salary $125,625

SB 1404 (Stone) - PHARMACISTS: EXEMPTION FROM OVERTIME REGULATIONS
This bill would have provided that a person employed in the practice of pharmacy, who is participating in a postgraduate training program, as specified, who is in a field relating to the practice of pharmacy or pharmacy research, or who is performing certain procedures or functions, is not subject to coverage under any provision of the orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Cost Implications: On average $523 a month.

Total Savings to Pharmacists = $2,625.60

Successful advocacy depends on your membership and support! Thank you!