2005 Accomplishments:

Budget:

1. PSSNY and our lobbying firm of Capital Public Affairs successfully convinced the Governor's Office NOT to cut pharmacy reimbursements in either the Medicaid or EPIC programs

Legislative:

1. PSSNY gathered dozens of legislative bill sponsors for our Anti-Mail-Order legislation and got one version of the legislation passed out of the Senate Labor Committee;
2. PSSNY was able to have a Assembly Health Committee hearing held on: PBM Abuses in NYC;
3. PSSNY participated in a NYC Council Hearing on Mail-Order only plans for city employees;
4. CDTM and Pharmacists as Immunizers legislation picked up significant support. Immunizer picked NYC, Office of the Mayor endorsement as well as the NYS Association of County Health Officials;
5. PBM Transparency bill introduced by Assemblyman Gottfried late in session;
6. PSSNY was a vocal opponent against federal legislation to cut Medicaid reimbursements to pharmacies;
7. PSSNY responded to all draft regulations and request for comments on Medicare Part D program.

Third Party:

1. PSSNY's Executive Director conducted several PBM 101 Training programs to trade unions, legislative staff and several associations including: NYS Retail Council, Senior Action Coalition, AARP and others.
2. As a direct result of the PBM 101 training and subsequent meetings by PSSNY staff and leadership resulting in the conversion of a 30,000 member police organization from mandatory mail-order back to community pharmacy; a 365,000 member union re-opened it's bidding process and will be coming back to community pharmacy from mandatory mail order July 1, 2006. PSSNY also worked with the president of the 1199 union retirees (thanks to Dan Molino) and they have been moved out of mandatory mail order effective January 1, 2006. PSSNY staff and leadership continues to work to fight against mandatory mail-order only prescription drug programs. Our successes here have caused other unions to contact Innoviant, the PBA that we have been working with to make these transitions.