

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS
PROPOSAL IN STP FORMAT**

PROPOSAL: To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Elimination of Sales Tax on Prescription Items”

SUBMITTED BY: CSHP Board of Directors

DATE: June 3, 2010

SITUATION:

1. During the January 2009 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the Professional Policies Review External as a standing responsibility for COPA.
2. 61 professional policies were discussed with action taken at the 2009 CPhA House of Delegates.
3. Adoption of a new CPhA policy 2009-07 “Elimination of Sales Tax on Prescription Items” was approved and states:

The California Pharmacists Association supports a change in California law to eliminate the sales tax on prescription purchases of medical supplies, equipment and devices.

4. Much like food and medications, medical supplies and equipment can be a necessity for life. Patients may need to forego these purchases due to cost. Therefore, exemption from sales tax for prescription items is desirable.
5. No similar policy relating to this matter exists in current CSHP professional policy.

TARGET:

1. COPA reviews and recommends relevant professional policies from other organizations for acceptance by the CSHP House of Delegates for consideration.
2. Expand strategic relationships with external organizations
3. To have professional policies which address all areas of pharmacy practice.

PROPOSAL:

1. To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Exemption of Sales Tax on Prescribed Items” as follows:

The California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists supports the exemption of sales tax on prescribed purchases of medications, medical supplies, equipment and devices.

RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED ACTION(S):

Financial: None
EVP time: None
Staff time: None

CSHP BOARD ACTION:

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During the July 9-10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting, the board amended and approved this proposal.