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Greetings Pharmacy Colleagues,

Spring and Daylight Savings Time are upon us and for me in South Louisiana, that has resulted in some beautiful days with some welcome extended daylight in the evening. This is probably my favorite time of the year; perhaps dating back to being a school age kid knowing that Summer break was not far off and baseball and days at the pool would be the norm for a bit. Spring also feels like “renewal” time from spring cleaning around the house to yard work and renewal of the spirit at Easter. I’m looking forward to all of those. I am also looking very forward to our Annual Convention coming up in July in Natchez. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to gather and share new ideas, things that have worked and those that have not, laughs and maybe a few beers as well as a time to recognize some of our colleagues for going above and beyond. If you haven’t already, please take a look at your calendars and make every effort to join us if you can and please let our management team know of any vendors you think may be a good fit to exhibit at our convention.

Meanwhile, on the PBM reform front, you can find headlines just about any day of the week regarding the need for reform, bills and legislation proposed, etc.. but on average almost 4 pharmacies (3.7) close per day according NACDS, so every day without reform is detrimental to the communities being served as well as to the pharmacy owners, staff and everyone in the distribution chain providing to the pharmacy. Please take a moment to let your representatives know how important reform sooner rather than later is.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize the life, accomplishments and direct impact on pharmacy in Louisiana that Dean Emeritus William “Bill” Bourn had. “Dean Bourn” was my pharmacy school Dean and I’ve never been able to call him anything else other than “Dean Bourn” even years after he stepped down as Dean. Dean Bourn was the Dean of the College of Pharmacy at ULM/NLU for 17 years and retired from the university after dedicating 34 years to the institution. Dean Bourn served as LPA President for the 1994-1995 term and was a member of our Board of Directors for 12 years and an ex-officio member of our Board of Directors for 14 years. He was truly caring and gave selflessly of his time and talent and we are all better for it.

Dean Bourn passed away on March 13, 2025 and we all lost a great LPA member, friend, mentor and man. Please keep his family in thought and prayer.

Lastly, thank you for what you do, day in and day out, for your patients, communities, health systems, families and LPA. Please help us spread the word... LPA Cares. Please help us grow our organization and invite a pharmacist and/or pharmacy technician to join. I hope to see you all in Natchez.

Peace and Joy,

J. Scott Black, RPh

LPA President 2024 – 2025



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of pharmacy professional claims reported in 2022 were related to defending pharmacists and pharmacies before a regulatory entity.

\$430,375

Compounding pharmacies incur some of the most severe claim losses, with an average loss paid of \$430,375 in 2022.

\$8,821

The average loss paid for a license defense matter in 2022 was \$8,821.

\$1,605,288

Wrong directions/drug/strength claims accounted for \$1,605,288 of the total pharmacy malpractice claims in 2022.

Based on Pharmacists Mutual claims reported 1/1/2023-12/31/2023.

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Get to know LPA members with our series, "Coffee Talks" where we meet pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and students who are making an impact in pharmacy and their communities.

Getting to know Minh Nguyen, RPh



Minh is the middle of seven children and born in Viet Nam. His family moved around the states until settling in Houma in '78. Despite his father's push to shrimp boats, and a short dream of being an aviator (a la Top Gun), Minh entered pharmacy school. After graduating, he came back to Houma and would learn many lessons as he worked in different retail settings before opening his own pharmacy. (He says that was the best decision his wife made for him). In 2011, Willow Bark Pharmacy #1 was born and Minh felt such a sense of freedom and loved his job even more as an independent owner, seeing so much more in the world of pharmacy. He learned about the business side of pharmacy and got involved with state and national organizations, advocating for the profession with the Legislature and Congress. "To this day, I still love my job; it's just a little tougher. But I'm doing it because of the people I serve and the future of our profession."

What advice do you have for recent pharmacy graduates?

No matter what type of pharmacist you are, stay in touch with our professional state and national organizations. Be aware of what goes on in our profession - it is constantly evolving. Also be humble and call on other pharmacists when you need advice. My first day as a licensed pharmacist, I was the only pharmacist with one tech and one clerk, worked a 12-hour shift, 300 plus prescriptions. I had worked before with other pharmacists, but it's not the same until you actually have to make real world decisions on your own. I called a trusted pharmacist and for a few years he was my "go to" guy.

What do you see as the best and worst changes in pharmacy?

The best change in pharmacy would be medication administration. In retail pharmacy, it allows us to provide services quickly and it's definitely within our scope of practice. Being able to provide immunizations to the public is good for everyone.

The worst change in pharmacy is allowing insurance companies to interfere with treatment plans. Early in my career, an elderly woman came to the pharmacy while her husband, just released from the emergency room, sat in the car. She presented a prescription for Cipro tablets. His insurance rejected as "not covered, non-formulary." They only covered Levaquin which at the time, was a brand drug. It was Friday afternoon, the doctor was gone for the day, and emergency rooms don't do prior authorizations. The wife paid cash for the Cipro because her husband needed it. What good is insurance if it can't cover a generic drug? What makes insurance companies more qualified than prescribers?

What concerns you most about the pharmacy profession?

PBMs concerns me the most and we desperately need national reform. The Federal Trade Commission needs to work harder to give small independent businesses a fighting chance. The PBMs' vertical integration chokes out any chance for pharmacies to make a profit. Their ever-changing, metamorphosing spread pricing is

relentless. Our profession is not as alluring as it was 15 to 20 years ago with incoming classes becoming smaller and smaller. Everything ties in together and is related.

What is the most memorable event in your career?

The most memorable event in my career would have to be the Covid-19 Pandemic. It was a very scary time. We were in the dark and all terrified of the unknown. So much information floating around but we did our best and lived through it. With the help of LIPA, both of our pharmacy locations were chosen to spearhead the vaccine roll-out in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Our staff stepped up and worked tirelessly to vaccinate the public and give them peace of mind. We were very relieved to provide the service and felt our true purpose as providers and auxiliary personnel.

What do you do when you're not working?

Catching up on work! The two locations keep me busy. I love to spend time with my wife, kids, and grandkids (so many personalities). Spending time together or just a simple outing is good enough for me. I would like to find more time for golfing and saltwater fishing. It's been over 20 years since I played golf when I used to play 2-3 times a week. I picked up the clubs again last year for the first time—what a feeling!

What is the best thing about being a part of LPA?

Being a part of LPA gives me a chance to share what I have learned throughout my career. I hope to be involved for a long time so I can contribute and help in any way. I am at a point in my life where I can devote time to many organizations.

If you could have one wish come true for pharmacy, what would it be?

Middlemen (PBMs) going back to processing claims and not abusing formularies and the prior authorization process. Rebates and benefits must be passed on to the patients and employer groups. Pay pharmacies cost plus x amount, that way we can all go back to being pharmacists doing our job to the best of our abilities.

Louisiana Pharmacists Association

CARES

143rd Annual Convention & Trade Show

July 10-12, 2025
Natchez, MS

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND!

This year's convention will provide the opportunity to gain more knowledge and skills to bring back to your pharmacies and your community. With hot topics of legislative and regulatory changes, hazardous drugs, medical marijuana, migraine medication, immunizations, advocacy, this convention will not disappoint. We will also welcome RDML Michael Crockett from the US Surgeon General's office.

Join us and be a part of this special event, where LPA demonstrates our organization's care for both Louisiana's patients and pharmacy professionals.

Thank you to our

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Convention Events will be held at the Grand Hotel and Suites (Thursday) and the Natchez Convention Center (Friday and Saturday). The NCC is directly across the street from the hosting hotel.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

Grand Hotel and Suites
111 North Broadway St.
Natchez, MS 39120
866-488-0898

Room Rates
July 10-14, 2025
\$154 single/double plus taxes, fees, and \$17.95/night added value package
Identify yourself as an LPA member when calling.

Breakfast is included with all hotel reservations.



Thursday, July 10, 2025
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Beau Pre Country Club

How's Your Game?

Join in for LPA's Annual Golf Tournament to kick off the convention.

Beau Pré has been widely recognized as one of the best golf courses to play in the Magnolia State since its opening. The Club has hosted numerous amateur and professional events in 2022 due to its notoriety, being the USGA Senior Qualifier, Mississippi Senior Fourball, Women's All Pro Tour, CO-Lin College Invitational, Golf Week and Eagle Amateur tournaments.



Friday, July 11, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Be Our Guest

LPA invites your guest(s) to register for the guest program. While details are being finalized at the time of this publication, guests may expect to explore historic sites and local culture. "All towns have a story. But you've never heard one quite like Natchez."



Caring for Our Communities

Cardz For Kidz is an organization dedicated to uplifting spirits across the globe by delivering inspiring handmade cards. LPA will have a station set up to allow you the opportunity to provide an uplifting message to children, seniors, or the military. Cards are delivered to partner organizations such as children's hospital, VA hospitals, nursing homes, and other non-profit organizations who all hand deliver cards to those who especially need a smile.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Louisiana Pharmacists Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The LPA Annual Convention and Trade Show is an opportunity for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, as well as pharmacy students, to network and build their professional development profile. For ACPE purposes, please see the full agenda for specified target audience of Pharmacists and/or Pharmacy Technicians.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

LPA is offering a total of 15 possible live contact hours for this convention. Full agenda details and objectives are available on our website at www.louisianapharmacists.com. All activities will expire 12/31/2025.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

Successful completion will include session sign in, active participation in learning assessments, and evaluation completion.

FACULTY DISCLOSURES

Faculty and all others who have the ability to control the content of continuing education activities sponsored by LPA are expected to disclose whether they do or do not have any relevant financial relationships. None of the planners for these activities have relevant financial relationships to disclose with ineligible companies. Visit LPA website for relevant financial disclosures of faculty.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Corporate support was secured for networking and non-continuing education related activities, as noted on the full agenda. No financial support has been obtained for educational activities.

STATEMENT OF CREDIT

All activity participation is reported directly to CPEDMonitor by August 15, 2025. Please check your profile at myCPEDmonitor.net for appropriate credit.



2025 Annual Convention & Trade Show

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, July 10, 2025

(3.0 CPE HOURS AVAILABLE)

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

2:00—6:00 p.m.

3:00—6:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament (with Lunch)

Convention Registration Opens

CPE: BLS for the Healthcare Provider Certification and Re-Certification Training

Friday, July 11, 2025

(6.5 CPE HOURS AVAILABLE)

7:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

7:00—8:00 a.m.

8:00—9:00 a.m.

9:00—10:00 a.m.

10:00—10:30 a.m.

10:30 —11:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

12:00 —1:00 p.m.

1:00—2:30 p.m.

Convention Registration and Check-In Open

Continental Breakfast

Welcome / Annual Membership Meeting

CPE Topic: Legislative & Regulatory Update

CPE Topic: Poster Presentations

CPE Topic: Medical Marijuana

Guest Program

CPE Topic: Poster Presentations

Award Luncheon

Breakout Sessions:

CPE Topic: USP Chapter 800 - Hazardous Drugs

CPE Topic: Migraine Medication

Student Workshop: Escape Room - Pharmacy Style!

2:30—3:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3:00—4:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions:

CPE Topic: Stroke Management

CPE Topic: Independent Pharmacies Update

Student Workshop: Escape Room continued

4:30—5:00 p.m.

CPE Topic: Poster Presentations

5:00—8:00 p.m.

Trade Show

8:00—10:00 p.m.

Colleges of Pharmacy Receptions

Saturday, July 12, 2025

(6.5 CPE HOURS AVAILABLE)

7:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

7:15—8:15 a.m.

8:30—9:00 a.m.

9:00—10:00 a.m.

10:00—10:15 a.m.

10:15—11:15 a.m.

11:15—11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

12:30—1:30 p.m.

1:30—3:00 p.m.

3:00—3:15 p.m.

3:15—4:30 p.m.

5:30—6:30 p.m.

6:30—9:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Convention Registration and Check-In Open

Continental Breakfast Annual

Membership Meeting

CPE Topic: Immunizations Update

Refreshment Break

CPE Topic: Pharmacy Advocacy

Refreshment Break

CPE Topic: Surgeon General's Public Health Priorities

Awards Luncheon

CPE Topic: Open Roundtable Discussions

Refreshment Break

CPE Topic: OTC Self Care Challenge

Past President's Reception

President's Banquet and Keynote CE Topic: Grategy in Pharmacy

President's Hospitality Suite

Call for Abstracts

Deadline: MAY 1st

The Louisiana Pharmacists Association invites pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians to present an educational poster during the Annual Convention! Our call for poster abstracts is now open through May 1, 2025.

Poster Topics

The topics of your poster should be relevant to current pharmacy subject matters, including specialty areas and all practice settings. Topics must meet one of the ACPE approved Topic Designators:

- Disease State Management / Drug Therapy (drugs, drug therapy, and/or disease states)
- AIDS Therapy (therapeutic, legal, social, ethical, or psychological issues related to understanding and treatment)
- Law Related Pharmacy Practice (federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations affecting the practice of pharmacy)
- General Pharmacy (topics relevant to the practice of pharmacy other than those included in the above three designators)
- Patient Safety (topics relevant to the prevention of healthcare errors and the elimination or mitigation of patient injury caused by healthcare errors)
- Immunizations (recommended immunization schedules, administration procedures, proper storage and disposal, record keeping, adverse drug events, first aid, general updates)
- Compounding (sterile, non-sterile, hazardous drug compounding for humans and animals, best practices, USP quality assurance standards)
- Pain Management (treatment and management of pain, prescribing and distribution and use of opioid medications, opioid addiction and misuse)

Requirements for Abstract Submissions

Abstracts will be accepted online. Please be prepared to provide the following information when submitting. Only complete submissions will be considered for inclusion in the final poster session.

- Poster Title
- Author(s) name and credentials
- Topic Designator (from #1-8 above)
- 2-3 objectives for the learner (must be measurable, beginning with words such as “describe,” “explain,” “outline,” “define,” etc.)
- Written abstract (300 word limit) which includes the following elements:
 - Introduction / Statement of Issue or Problem being addressed
 - Materials and methods used
 - Results
 - Conclusions
 - Relevant References

In addition, you will be asked to agree that no authors involved have any commercial interest or bias contained within the intended poster presentation. This is required for ACPE approval.

General Information

Notification of selections will be sent by May 31, 2025.

Selected abstracts are expected to have a prepared poster and have at least one author in attendance to present the poster on the specified time(s) designated on the agenda.

Abstract Considerations

Key Factors for your abstract to be a strong candidate:

- Clarity of Subject Matter
- Significance and Relevance
- Methods of Research
- Presentation Style

Abstracts will be rejected if the abstract is not relevant to pharmacy, pharmacists, or pharmacy technicians; or is promotional in nature.

LPA 2025 Annual Convention & Trade Show

REGISTRATION FORM

Attendee Name: _____

Attendee Type: ☐ Pharmacist ☐ Pharmacy Technician
☐ Student ☐ Speaker/Guest

Email: _____

☐ I DO NOT want my email address(es) distributed to exhibitors.

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Registration (select your registration and enter fee)

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Requested Team: _____

☐ Registration (\$125) ☐ Mulligans (#____x\$10) \$ _____

Basic Life Support Registration

☐ Registration (#____x\$75) \$ _____

Guest Registration (select guest's registration and enter fee)

☐ Full Registration ☐ Daily Registration \$ _____

Guest Program Registration

☐ Registration (\$60) \$ _____

Additional Tickets (not included in registration above)

☐ Friday Luncheon (#____x\$40) \$ _____

☐ Exhibit Hall (#____x\$50) \$ _____

☐ Saturday Luncheon (#____x\$40) \$ _____

☐ President's Banquet (#____x\$85) \$ _____

☐ Printed CE Handbook (\$75) \$ _____

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3) Mail: 620 Florida St., Suite 210

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REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Discount offered through May 31, 2025.

Prospective Member Fees include discounted 2025 LPA membership and 1st time attendee registration. **Full**

Registration includes access to all ACPE accredited programs, general sessions, meals, and social events. Exceptions: Guest Program, BLS, Golf Tournament

	Prior to 5/31/2025	After 5/31/2025
Pharmacist (Member)	\$375	\$425
Pharmacist (Prospective Member)	\$450	\$500
Pharmacy Technician (Member)	\$210	\$240
Pharmacy Technician (Prospective Member)	\$225	\$255
Pharmacy Student (Member)	\$50	\$70
Pharmacy Student (Prospective Member)	\$55	\$75
Guest	\$200	\$225

Daily Registration includes access to all ACPE accredited programs, general sessions, and meals for the day(s) selected. The cost shown in the table below is the cost

PER DAY. Exceptions: Guest Program, BLS, Golf Tournament, Awards Banquet

	Prior 5/31/2025	to After 5/31/2025
Pharmacist (Member)	\$150	\$175
Pharmacist (Prospective Member)	\$225	\$250
Pharmacy Technician (Member)	\$95	\$105
Pharmacy Technician (Prospective Member)	\$120	\$130
Pharmacy Student (Member)	\$25	\$35
Pharmacy Student (Prospective Member)	\$30	\$40
Guest	\$75	\$85

Golf Tournament Registration includes lunch, green fees, and beverage cart. *Prior registrations is required.*

Fee: \$125

Mulligans: \$10/each

Guest Program Registration includes excursion, lunch, and more.

Fee: \$60

Basic Life Support Certification Registration includes registration for certification course

Fee: \$75

Additional Tickets for Social Events

Award Luncheons: \$40

Exhibit Hall Pass: \$50

President's Banquet: \$85

Printed CE Handbook included with registration packet at check-in (all material available electronically prior to conference)

Fee: \$75

Credit Card Convenience Fee charged for all registrations paid with a credit card

Fee: \$5



PHARMACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

**Join ULM College of Pharmacy
and XU College of Pharmacy
students and faculty at the
capitol to advocate for the
profession. Take the
opportunity to meet with your
legislators to promote the role of
pharmacy in public health.**



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people -
not just
prescriptions*

MD _____
Signature LIPA



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Louisiana State Opioid Response 4.0

LPA is proud to announce that it is a part of the renewed grant with the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health, to increase access to statewide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for individuals with or at risk for opioid use disorder.

Join us for an ACPE-approved virtual session led by grant Pharmacist Champion, Dr. Stephen Hill, to learn more about the grant and how you can be a part of this initiative to help Louisiana citizens.

April 24, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Full CPE information and registration may be found at
www.louisianapharmacists.com.

LOUISIANA'S PHARMACISTS

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES



Pharmacists are essential members of the healthcare team and evidence clearly shows the growing need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. To guarantee equitable access to this vital care, both public and private health plans must cover pharmacists' patient care services.



QUALIFIED

HIGHLY QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS



EDUCATION

6-8 years of education including pharmacotherapy, disease management, and clinical decision-making



CLINICAL TRAINING

At least 1,740 hours of clinical practice experience focused on high-quality patient care in a variety of healthcare settings



ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Many complete post-graduate residencies, fellowships, and/or board certifications in various specialty areas

All current pharmacy school graduates earn the PharmD degree, a doctorate degree reflecting the advanced pharmacotherapy knowledge and comprehensive patient care training essential for providing high quality pharmacist services, a requirement that has been in place **since 2004**.

ACCESSIBLE

MOST ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

4,600
Pharmacists
in Louisiana¹

89%

Americans live within 5 miles
of a community pharmacy.²

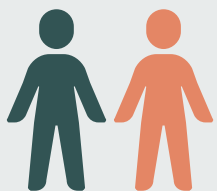
5,850
Pharmacy
Technicians
in Louisiana¹

Number of pharmacies is
15% higher

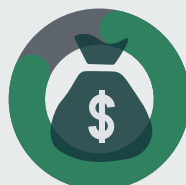
than number of
provider's offices
in communities where more than
30% of households live in poverty.³

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT

VITAL TO IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH



Approximately 50% of
all adults in the U.S.
have one or more
chronic disease
conditions.⁴



Chronic conditions
account for over 85%
of total U.S. health
care costs.⁴



Saved for every \$1
spent on pharmacist
service.⁵

COVERAGE OF SERVICES

Pharmacists' clinical services are **rarely** covered under the medical benefit by **health plans**. This creates **barriers** to patients using their health insurance to receive care from pharmacists.

\$9.64

return on investment for every \$1 when pharmacists are paid for providing various patient care services.⁶

All health plans, public and private, **must** cover the services pharmacists provide to ensure patient access.

TEST & TREAT

Pharmacy-based point-of-care testing and treatment services provide prevention and early detection for minor health conditions.

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States now authorize pharmacists to directly order and administer CLIA-waived tests.

States now authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe treatment pursuant to a CLIA-waived test.

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Common Pharmacy-Based CLIA-Waived Tests*

COVID-19
Strep

Flu
RSV

UTI
STI

HIV
& more

*Abbreviation details available on references page.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Louisiana pharmacists are independently prescribing vaccines.

Pharmacies offer **TWICE** the operating hours for giving immunizations vs. provider's offices⁷

2023-24 Flu Season

Pharmacies gave
37.6 Million
flu shots

vs

25.5 Million
given at provider's offices⁸

27

States now authorize pharmacists to **directly prescribe** and administer vaccines to patients.

OPIOID USE DISORDER

81,000 Americans
died from an opioid overdose in 2023.⁹

222
average deaths
per day⁹

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States authorize pharmacists to prescribe medications for opioid use disorder.

Naloxone access laws that grant pharmacists direct authority to prescribe are associated with significant reductions in fatal overdoses.

HIV PREVENTION

Pharmacists have been identified by the White House as key professionals in achieving one of the CDC's goals of ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. by preventing HIV infection.

States authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications.

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States authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medications.

This information was developed through a collaboration between NASPA and APhA, with generous support from the Community Pharmacy Foundation.



Access our references at
tinyurl.com/2024factsheet
Or scan this QR code



Louisiana Pharmacists Association

2025-2028

Strategic Plan

MEMBER VALUE & ENGAGEMENT

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PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

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Professional Development
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Professional Presence
Communication Strategy



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2025-2028*Strategic Plan***MEMBER VALUE & ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings & Education	—————>	Virtual & Hybrid, Educational Expansion Opportunities, MidYear Meeting, Tracked Education
Resources & Value	—————>	Content Sharing, Enhanced Value Proposition
Member Development	—————>	Personal and Professional Development, Wellbeing and Mental Health Focus, Mentoring
Special Interest Initiatives	—————>	Technician and Student Opportunities, Talent Search, Special Interest Groups, Diverse Pharmacy Practice Engagement
Value Enhancement	—————>	Enhanced Benefits, Tiered Membership, Value Demonstration

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Healthcare Provider Status	—————>	Payment Parity, Protocol-Driven Prescriptive Authority, Professional Judgement Recognition
Educational Advancement	—————>	Enhanced Education, Meeting Tracks Development
Technology Platform	—————>	Mobile Resource, One-stop Resource Shop, Virtual & Hybrid
Professional Development	—————>	Emphasize the “Why”, Career Advancement, Technician and Student Engagement
Membership Structure	—————>	Specialized Tracks, Value-Based Advancement

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Committee Structure	—————>	Committee Realignment and Restructure, Effectiveness
Technology Enhancement	—————>	IT System Revamp, Advancement Initiatives, Digital Platform, Communications upgrade
Resource Optimization	—————>	Funding Opportunities, Resource Allocation Review, Efficiencies
Leadership & Governance	—————>	Board Ownership, Executive Management Collaboration, Strategic Oversight, Accountability
Process Improvement	—————>	Streamlined Operations, Enhanced Member Services, Improved Communication Channels, Efficient Resource Utilization

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY

Funding Development	—————>	External Opportunities, Sponsorship Diversification, Non-Dues Revenue Expansion
Stakeholder Engagement	—————>	Special Group Outreach, Professional Group Communications, External Partnership Development
Advocacy Initiatives	—————>	State Collaboration, Pharmacy Care Initiatives, Legislative Presence
Professional Presence	—————>	Association Representation, Multi-geographic involvement, Stakeholder Engagement, Industry Leadership Development
Communication Strategy	—————>	Council Seat Updates, Legislative Initiatives, Stakeholder Communications, Public Relations Enhancement

LOGO REDESIGN CONTEST

LPA wants your help in reimagining a new brand for the association.

We invite you to design a
LOUISIANA PHARMACISTS
ASSOCIATION
logo to lead the brand!

Submissions may be sent in
JPG, PNG, EPS, or PDF form to
info@louisianapharmacists.com by
April 30, 2025.

If your logo is selected, you will receive
full recognition as well as a
complimentary registration to the
2025 Annual Convention, where we will
debut the new logo!



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- Maintain compliance – meet accreditation, network contract, and state QA requirements
- Reduce costs – increase operations efficiency, reduce potential risk and cut down on “re-do” Rx’s
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Learn more at www.medicationsafety.org or call us at (866) 365-7472.

The Alliance for Medication Safety (APMS) is a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO).

INDUSTRY EVENTS

APRIL
26-29

National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Annual Meeting
Palm Beach, FL

APRIL-MAY
30-1

National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Congressional Pharmacy Fly-In
Washington, DC

MAY
4-7

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) National Biotechnology Conference
Boston, MA

MAY
22-24

Louisiana Society of Health System Pharmacists (LSHP) Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA

MAY
28-31

American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Institute on Substance Use of Disorders
Salt Lake City, UT

JUNE
7-11

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Preceptors Conference & Pharmacy Futures Conference
Charlotte, NC



If you or someone you love have fallen subject to addiction, don't be scared. We at LPA are family, and family helps one another. We have resources available to help.

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