

Medication Synchronization

House Bill 1800

Ask your legislators:

- Ask your legislators to support medication synchronization.
- If your representative is not a co-sponsor, ask them to sign on to HB 1800

PPA supports medication synchronization because:

- Medication synchronization is when a pharmacist works with a patient — only at the patient's request — to synchronize medication refills so that all of their medications can be picked up on the same day each month, instead of having to make multiple visits to the pharmacy.
- Poor medication adherence (i.e. patients missing medication doses or refills) contributes to worse health outcomes and higher healthcare costs to individuals and the healthcare system as a whole.
- 18 states have already enacted medication synchronization and have seen increases in patient medication adherence.
- A 2012 Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study found that half of all American adults have one or more chronic health conditions, while 25% have two or more. Those with multiple chronic conditions are less likely to take their medications as prescribed.
- A 2011 National Institute of Health study found that approximately 125,000 deaths per year in the United States are due to medication non-adherence and between 33% and 69% of medication-related hospital admissions in the United States are due to poor adherence.

When discussing medication synchronization, keep in mind the following:

- If your Representative is a current co-sponsor of House Bill 1800 (listed below), be sure to thank them. If your representative is not a co-sponsor, ask them to co-sponsor and support the bill.

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