

Resolution 1 --- Officer and Executive Committee Actions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates of the NCPA Convention, assembled on October 12, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee ratify and confirm all official actions of the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee of NCPA during the interim since the last session of the House of Delegates of the National Community Pharmacists Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Resolution No. 2 -- PBM Merger

WHEREAS, Express Scripts, Inc. and Medco Health Solutions have proposed a \$29 billion merger that would join two of the three largest pharmacy benefit managers; and

WHEREAS, the merger would create a dominant PBM with substantial market power in the specialty pharmacy, mail order pharmacy, and large plan sponsor marketplaces; and

WHEREAS, the merger would decrease access to patient choice and quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, the merger likely would lead to less transparency, higher prescription drug costs for patients, and lower compensation for community pharmacists, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that NCPA continues to oppose the proposed merger of Express Scripts, Inc. and Medco Health Solutions and calls upon the Federal Trade Commission to block it.

Resolution No. 3 -- CVS Caremark Investigation

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Federal Trade Commission approved the merger of CVS, the nation's largest drug store chain, with Caremark, the largest pharmacy benefit manager; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2008 NCPA has provided to the FTC hundreds of examples of CVS engaging in anticompetitive and unfair conduct through improper and possibly illegal access from Caremark of competitively sensitive information from rival community pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, this competitively sensitive information included the identity of the rival pharmacies' customers and their prescribers, the drugs prescribed, drug acquisition costs, and reimbursement amounts; and

WHEREAS, in August 2009 CVS Caremark announced that it was under investigation by the FTC, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that NCPA calls upon the FTC to take the steps necessary to protect consumers and pharmacies from the anticompetitive and unfair, misleading and deceptive actions of CVS Caremark.

Resolution No. 4 -- Pharmacy Crime

WHEREAS, the growing number of pharmacy robberies and burglaries by persons seeking controlled substances places community pharmacists, their staff, and customers at increased risk; and

WHEREAS, these crimes are increasingly violent with five murders occurring in pharmacies thus far in 2011 alone; and

WHEREAS, these crimes are taking place even with a federal pharmacy crime law in place (18 USC 2118), therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that NCPA supports a coordinated federal and state approach to investigating and prosecuting pharmacy crime as well as strengthening federal and state penalties for pharmacy crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NCPA supports federal incentives for pharmacies to purchase security technologies to deter pharmacy crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NCPA supports working with federal and state law enforcement agencies on sensible solutions that will deter such crimes from happening in the first place.

Resolution No. 5 -- Adherence as a Core Competency

WHEREAS, an estimated one-third to one-half of all patients do not take their medications as prescribed; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total health care expenditures associated with medication non-adherence are reported to be in excess of \$290 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are medication experts professionally trained to maximize medication use for optimal outcomes, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that NCPA supports the provision of adherence services as a core competency for the profession, equally important as dispensing and counseling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NCPA works closely with schools of pharmacy to encourage the development of curricula which ensures that pharmacist graduates will be trained to embrace and carry out adherence as a consistent practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NCPA continues to advocate to payers, policy makers, and legislators the critical role of the community pharmacist in improving patient outcomes while reducing overall health care costs; and to advocate that pharmacists are appropriately compensated for their valuable services.