



Alaska Pharmacists Association

RE: 2010 **Business Membership**

The Alaska Pharmacists Association (AkPhA) as the largest volunteer organization of pharmacists in the state of Alaska represents pharmacists before legislative and regulatory bodies and works closely with the Alaska Board of Pharmacy.

I am writing to encourage you to become a **Business Member** for 2010. We feel your membership will benefit *all* parties- management, pharmacists, AkPhA, hospitals, and community pharmacy.

AkPhA is the strongest advocate for pharmacy in the state of Alaska.

During the 2010 legislative session, AkPhA will work with Caren Robinson, AkPhA lobbyist through coordinated efforts of active AkPhA Legislative, Community Affairs, Membership and Continuing Education committees. In that effort, plans are being made for a legislative fly-in to Juneau in late March, early April to develop relationships with key legislative leadership and key opinion leaders.

2010 Legislative Priorities

- Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Standards- Legislation would institute standards for payments/audits, drug substitution and rebate transparency from the PBM to the covered entity.
- Support Health Care Professions Loan Repayment & Incentive Program (HCPLRIP)
- Oppose legislation that would limit generic substitution of all or certain therapeutic classes of drugs (ie. Anti-seizure drugs)
- Monitor legislation of bills potentially affecting the practice of pharmacy (ie. Prescriptive authority for other professions)

In addition to supporting your professional association with a business membership (nonvoting and *in addition to your individual voting pharmacist membership*) please consider supporting the AkPhA-PAC. The political action committee, established in 2005 needs your financial support to influence legislation affecting your profession.

Contributions/checks can be made payable to:

AkPhA-PAC
Attn: Leif Holm, Treasurer
167 S Santa Claus Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

E-mail: akphrmcy@alaska.net

The **2010 Business Membership** is **\$250.00***. **Included** in the membership are the following:

- Annual Business Membership**
- Quarterly Newsletter- “The Alaska Pharmacist Newsletter”**
- News Brief in Quarterly Newsletter**
- Continuing Education for Pharmacists & Technicians**
- Inter-Professional Communication**
- Legislative Representation**
- Professional Networking**
- Membership Rates for Placement Services- Quarterly Newsletter and Website**

JOIN AkPhA TODAY and we can work together toward meeting the challenges of health care tomorrow.

Membership Application/Renewal:

Pharmacy/Business Name _____ Contact: _____
Address _____
Phone# _____ FAX _____ Email _____
Membership Fee: Business Member *\$ 250.00 _____

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| For Annual Automatic Renewal (or) One Time Only Effective, _____ I authorize AkPhA to renew my annual business membership and to bill the credit card indicated below each year until I notify AkPhA otherwise. |
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Payment Plan: Charge to: Visa (or) MasterCard # _____ exp _____
Check payable to: AkPhA Signature _____
203 W. 15th Ave. #100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Membership January 1 – December 31

NOTE: Business membership (nonvoting) is *in addition* to individual pharmacist membership (voting).

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* Dues and contributions are not deductible as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes, but may be deductible as ordinary business expenses, subject to IRS restrictions. AkPhA estimates that 45% of your dues dollar is non-deductible because of AkPhA’s lobbying activities on behalf of its members.

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