



# Alaska Pharmacists Association

## RE: **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.

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.***

Your voice matters, especially when your voice is combined with other pharmacy professionals and advocates. The political process affects you personally everyday and has a major impact on your career. Government affects so many areas of pharmacy, including licensing requirements, relationships with your patients, reimbursements and much more. The Alaska Pharmacists Association is here to make a difference. **Our mission is to “preserve, promote and lead the profession of pharmacy in Alaska”.** Communicating the value of what pharmacists provide to patients and the health care system has never been more important. In these challenging times, pharmacists must speak and act with a strong, clear voice to agencies whose decisions have a direct impact on the profession.

During the 2012 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.

### ***2012 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) HB78
- 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)

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

- Annual Business Membership**
- Quarterly Newsletter- "Alaska Pharmacy 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

*Payment Plan:* Charge to: Visa (or) MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ exp \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_  
Check payable to: AkPhA Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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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