



# RESOLUTIONS

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### RESOLUTION 89.7

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee currently has a law on its books requiring "out of state pharmacists" to register with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Tennessee has not seen fit to enforce this statute. NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, provide both moral and financial support to a state pharmacy association whose state Board of Pharmacy is bringing suit against any mail order facility that is in noncompliance with state licensure laws.

Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates  
Nashville, Tennessee  
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### RESOLUTION 89.6

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration states that less than 29 of any practitioner group is ever involved in violation of regulations, and

WHEREAS, the professional licensing boards are aggressive and fair in the actions involving practitioners with prescriptive privileges, and

WHEREAS, proponents of a triplicate prescription system use the reduction of Schedule II prescriptions as the only evidence of the effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, leading specialists in cancer therapy have identified and published specific incidences of under treatment as a result of a triplicate prescription program, and

WHEREAS, in Texas three years after the implementation of the triplicate prescription program, the use of Vicodin increased 600%, Talwin increased 1,110 %, and Tylenol #3 increased 106%, and

WHEREAS, the latest report from the Drug Abuse Warning Network indicates that very few Schedule II drugs are in the most frequent cause for hospitalization for overdose category in America, and

WHEREAS, Triplicate Prescription legislation will require extra staff, computers, and expenditures reaching in excess of \$800,000 in the first year, and

WHEREAS, with the advent of computer crime, experts seriously question the state's ability to protect the confidentiality information filed in the agency computer, and

WHEREAS, no mechanisms exist to notify patients of the true scope of a triplicate prescription program, and

WHEREAS, practitioners with prescriptive privileges are the most regulated and the most identifiable group in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association opposes the adoption of triplicate prescriptions in any form.

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### RESOLUTION 89.4

WHEREAS, prescription drug diversion is a major problem, and

WHEREAS, a large number of prescription medications are available through sampling with little or no control or supervision, and

WHEREAS, sampling of medication adds to rapidly inflating drug costs, and

WHEREAS, there are alternative methods to prescription sampling, such as coupon redemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association develop and seek support for legislation to make prescription sampling illegal in Tennessee.

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### RESOLUTION 89.3

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Medicaid Prescription Drug Program has provided a comprehensive prescription drug program and quality pharmacy services for Medicaid recipients since its inception in 1969, and

WHEREAS, more than 859a of eligible recipients utilize the Prescription Drug Program as an easily accessible mechanism for improving their health status, and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid Prescription Drug Program is the most cost-effective mechanism available to the State of Tennessee for improving the health status of Medicaid recipients, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee pharmacists have continuously cooperated with the Bureau of Medicaid through its Third-Party Committee, the Medicaid Formulary Committee, the Governor's Task Force on Medicaid Reimbursement, and other forums, and

WHEREAS, funding for the Medicaid Prescription Drug Program for Fiscal Year 1989-90 because of inadequate appropriations is being drastically reduced to the detriment of both recipients and providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the House of Delegates of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association urges Tennessee Department of Health and Environment Commissioner J. W. Luna and Medicaid Director Manuel Martins to reconsider the decisions made for the Fiscal Year 1989-90 and to restore as soon as possible both the scope of medications available for Medicaid recipients and fair reimbursement for the providers of pharmacy services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment Division of Medicaid refrain from implementing proposed changes until a system is in place in the Department of Medicaid which is physically capable of administering the proposed program changes to properly supply the needs of the recipients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association continue to meet with officials of the Medicaid Bureau to resolve problems which will allow the program to be restored to its present level of services and funding as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Ned Ray McWherter, Governor of the State of Tennessee; Commissioner David Manning, Department of Finance and Administration; Commissioner J. W. Luna, Department of Health and Environment; and Manuel Martins, Director of Medicaid Bureau.

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**House of Delegates  
Memphis, Tennessee  
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### RESOLUTION 89.2

WHEREAS, the use of anorectic drugs has potential for addicting the users of such drugs; and

WHEREAS, anorectic drugs have not been shown to add significantly to any program of weight control; and

WHEREAS, there are no indications for the use of the amphetamine-like anorectic drugs other than weight control; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Tennessee is promoting a drug-free concept for the state; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association supports our Governor's drive to eliminate drug abuse in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association seek legislation to make unlawful the prescribing or use of anorectic drugs within the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution shall be construed so as to interfere with the legitimate prescribing or use of amphetamine drugs for indications other than weight control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association seek support for this legislation from the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association, Tennessee Medical Association, and the Tennessee Dental Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, through its Interprofessional Relations Committee, meet with the Interprofessional Liason Committee of the Tennessee Medical Association and draft appropriate legislation or regulations to address this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be made available to all members of the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, unless reaffirmed or modified prior thereto, shall terminate after the regular annual meeting of the House of Delegates in 1996.

**Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates on the condition that it be referred to the  
Interprofessional Relations Committee for further consideration  
by the Joint Committees of the TMA and TPA and returned to  
the House of Delegates in October for further consideration.**

**Memphis, Tennessee  
Sunday, June 18, 1989**

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### RESOLUTION 89.1

WHEREAS, many prescriptions are written to be refilled "pm" by physicians for the convenience of their patients and themselves; and

WHEREAS, under Tennessee law, with the exception of narcotics, "refill pm" allows the prescription to be refilled until either the patient or the physician dies; and

WHEREAS, good medical practice would require the periodic review of the need for and dosage of medications; and

WHEREAS, in some instances, prescription refills are being made even after the death of the prescribing physician.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association seek legislation to establish a time limit of one year for the initial filling or refilling of a prescription.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association seek the support of the Tennessee Medical Association, the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association, and the Tennessee Dental Association for such legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association urge legislation banning the use of "PRN" for refill on all scheduled drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, unless reaffirmed or modified prior thereto, shall terminate after the regular meeting of the House of Delegates in 1996.

Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates on the condition that it be referred to the Interprofessional Relations  
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### RESOLUTION 88.1

WHEREAS, Medic Alert Foundation International is a charitable, non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing the most comprehensive emergency medical identification system in the world, and

WHEREAS, Medic Alert conducts an extensive program to inform the general public of a potentially lifesaving need for medical emergency identification encouraging individuals with specific medical conditions to acquire protection of Medic Alert providing a convenient and fast method by which this protection can be acquired, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one out of four people has a special medical condition that should be brought into attention of those rendering emergency treatment to the injured or unconscious person, and

WHEREAS, the Medic Alert emblem bearing the insignia of the medical profession and the words Medic Alert in red is designed to attract immediate attention in emergencies and is recognized internationally as a symbol of emergency medical identification, and

WHEREAS, each Medic Alert emblem carries an ID number for the member as well as telephone number of the foundation's emergency answering service where additional emergency information is maintained on the member and is available to physicians and other authorized personnel twenty-four hours daily on a collect call basis, and

WHEREAS, Medic Alert has been endorsed by a large number of international, national, state, and county organizations, societies, agencies, and other civic groups.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association does hereby officially endorse Medic Alert Foundation International and its system of emergency medical identification.

**Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
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### RESOLUTION 87.2

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association promotes and encourages the safe, rational, and effective utilization of prescription medications by patients; and

WHEREAS, substantial concern about quality of patient care has been expressed by many, including consumers, pharmacists, and physicians about the provision of medications through the United States mail; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable James Sasser, United States Senator and Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Federalism and the District of Columbia, investigated consumer concerns, through hearings before the Sub-Committee and enlightened consumers about the use of prescription drugs provided by mail service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association publicly commend the Honorable James Sasser for his efforts to gain insight and understanding for all concerned parties and for demonstration of a true concern for the welfare of those he serves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable James Sasser and that copies also be sent to the American College of Apothecaries, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and the National Association of Retail Druggists, and spread upon the records of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates  
Nashville, Tennessee  
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### RESOLUTION 87.1

WHEREAS, the restructure of the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association has been accomplished in order to meet the present organizational needs of Pharmacy, and

WHEREAS, the many changes in pharmacy services, such as out-of-state mail order prescription services and physician dispensing, affect the health and welfare of many Tennesseans, and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association needs to establish a formal method to evaluate such programs that may affect the profession of Pharmacy and a procedure to respond to such actions which may be deemed detrimental to the public and/or the profession of Pharmacy, and

WHEREAS, extensive legal counsel would be necessary to implement effective action against such programs, requiring funds in excess of the Association's present financial capability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special committee be appointed by the President to study the feasibility of securing this legal advice and methods of financing same within the new structure of the Association and directed to report its findings and recommendations to the House of Delegates at the 1987 Tripartite Meeting.

Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
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### RESOLUTION 86.1

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association's House of Delegates has previously indicated its support for a "third class," or pharmacist-prescribed formulary of medications, and

WHEREAS, federal regulations permit the sale of certain codeine-containing cough preparations without a prescription by pharmacists following a specified protocol, and

WHEREAS, several of Tennessee's neighboring states allow this practice, although Tennessee law prohibits same, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee pharmacists, by virtue of their knowledge; training, and experience are certainly qualified to offer this service to their patrons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association take the necessary actions to attempt to modify Tennessee law to allow pharmacists to dispense certain codeine-containing cough preparations without a prescription.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association committee develop a suggested formulary and protocol for the dispensing of these medications in accordance with federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the intent of this resolution that pharmacists adhere to the federal guidelines with respect to codeine-containing cough products.

Adopted on proper motions by the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association  
House of Delegates  
Nashville, Tennessee  
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