

## Procurement

### **Prudent Purchasing of Pharmaceuticals (0524)**

*Source: Council on Legal and Public Affairs*

To support existing laws and legitimate practices that ensure product integrity and allow organized health care settings to purchase drug products and related supplies at prices that minimize health care costs; further,

To support the principle of purchase of pharmaceutical products and related supplies by public and private entities using appropriate professional practices to achieve that end; further,

To encourage government acknowledgement of existing local professional activities (e.g., drug-use review, formulary systems, pharmacy and therapeutics committees, and patient counseling) already practiced in organized health care settings that are methods of promoting quality and cost-effective pharmacist patient-care services.

*This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0014.*