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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Past Presidents, Secretaries, and Executives of Affiliated State Societies
Delegates - 2008 House of Delegates
Executive Committees of Sections and Forums
Fellows of ASHP
ASHP Past Presidents

FROM: Henri R. Manasse, Jr., Ph.D., Sc.D. 
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Emerging Policy Issues

I am writing to request your nomination of emerging policy issues in hospital and health-system pharmacy that may merit attention by ASHP. (We are moving toward a continuous process of identifying potential agenda items for our policy councils, rather than a once-a-year call for agenda topics). If you have items you wish to have considered, please send them to the appropriate council secretary listed below. Attached is a form for submitting items. You may send suggestions via e-mail (see below), fax (301-634-5768), or regular mail.

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As you think about potential issues for these groups to address, we encourage you to reflect broadly and deeply on the major issues facing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems. **Ask yourself, what important practice issues or controversies lend themselves to influence or clarification by virtue of ASHP expressing a position on the matter?** Before submitting a suggestion, we encourage you to explore if ASHP has any existing policy on the subject. You can do that by going to www.ashp.org/bestpractices and doing a search for the topic.

The purview of each of the five ASHP councils is noted in the attached document. Thank you for thinking about this. We look forward to receiving your ideas.

cc: Board of Directors
Council Secretaries

TO: Secretary of _____
(enter Policy Committee above)

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IDENTIFYING EMERGING POLICY ISSUES

Submitted by: _____

Business address: _____

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Subject: _____

Background: _____

Suggested Outcomes: _____



Purview of ASHP Policy Committees
June 30, 2005

Council on Education and Workforce Development

(1) Student education, (2) postgraduate education and training, (3) specialization, (4) assessment and maintenance of competence, (5) credentialing, (6) balance between workforce supply and demand, (7) development of technicians, and (8) related matters.

Council on Pharmacy Management

(1) Development and deployment of resources, (2) fostering cost-effective use of medicines, (3) payment for services and products, (4) applications of technology in the medication-use process, (5) efficiency and safety of medication-use systems, (6) continuity of care, and (7) related matters.

Council on Pharmacy Practice

(1) Practitioner care for individual patients, (2) practitioner activities in public health, (3) pharmacy practice standards and quality, (4) professional ethics, (5) interprofessional and public relations, and (6) related matters.

Council on Public Policy

(1) Federal laws and regulations, (2) state laws and regulations, (3) analysis of public policy proposals that are designed to address important health issues, (4) professional liability as defined by the courts, and (5) related matters.

Council on Therapeutics

(1) The benefits and risks of drug products, (2) evidence-based use of medicines, (3) the application of drug information in practice, and (4) related matters.

Note: ASHP policy committees make recommendations within the overall purview of ASHP, as expressed in the mission of the organization:

ASHP believes that the **mission of pharmacists** is to help people make the best use of medications.

The **mission of ASHP** is to advance and support the professional practice of pharmacists in hospitals and health systems and serve as their collective voice on issues related to medication use and public health.

