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Subject: Pharmacy Technician Education, Training, and Development

Motion: Move to adopt the following policy statements:

1. APhA supports the following minimum requirements for all new pharmacy technicians by the year 2027:
 - (a) successful completion of a Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) accredited education and training program and
 - (b) certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).
2. APhA supports state board of pharmacy regulations that require pharmacy technicians to meet minimum standards of education, training, certification, and recertification. APhA also encourages state boards of pharmacy to develop a phase-in process for current pharmacy technicians.
3. APhA recognizes the important contribution and role of pharmacy technicians in assisting pharmacists and student pharmacists with the delivery of patient care.
4. APhA supports the development of resources and programs that promote the recruitment and retention of qualified pharmacy technicians.
5. APhA supports the development of continuing pharmacy education programs that enhance and support the continued professional development of pharmacy technicians.
6. APhA encourages the development of compensation models for pharmacy technicians that promote sustainable career opportunities.

Background:

The first two statements in this new policy are pulled from existing **2008 Pharmacy Technician Education and Training** and are meant to update the language with current dates, the appropriate accreditation group, and also to include recertification. If this item is adopted then the original statements from 2008 will be addressed by the 2017-18 Policy Review Committee. The new statements 3, 4, 5, and 6 all address the important role of pharmacy technicians and complement existing policy language.

Pharmacy Technicians are an essential to the advancement of pharmacy practice. The role of pharmacy technician is one that requires education, training, and development to best assist in the delivery of patient care. For many years, APhA has supported the advancement of pharmacy technicians and their education, training, and development. As the profession moves and the role of the pharmacist evolves, so will the needs and requirements placed on pharmacy technicians.

Current APhA Policy & Bylaws:

2008 Pharmacy Technician Education and Training

1. APhA reaffirms the 2005/2001/1996 Control of Distribution System policy, which states that APhA supports pharmacists' authority to control the distribution process and personnel involved and the responsibility for all completed medication orders, regardless of practice setting.
2. APhA supports nationally recognized standards and guidelines for the accreditation of pharmacy technician education and training programs.
3. APhA supports the continued growth of accredited education and training programs that develop qualified pharmacy technicians who will support pharmacists in ensuring patient safety and enhancing patient care.
4. APhA supports the following minimum requirements for all new pharmacy technicians by the year 2015:
 - a. successful completion of an accredited education and training program and
 - b. certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).
5. APhA supports state board of pharmacy regulations that require pharmacy technicians to meet minimum standards of education, training, and certification. APhA also encourages state boards of pharmacy to develop a phase-in process for current pharmacy technicians.

2004, 1996 Technician Licensure and Registration

1. APhA recognizes the following definitions with regards to technician licensure and registration:
 - a. Licensure: The process by which an agency of government grants permission an individual to engage in a given occupation upon finding that the applicant has attained the minimal degree of competency necessary to ensure that the public health, safety, and welfare will be reasonably well protected. Within pharmacy, a pharmacist is licensed by a State Board of Pharmacy.
 - b. Registration: The process of making a list or being enrolled in an existing list.

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