



APhA House of Delegates Policy Reference Committee Report Seattle, Washington

The APhA House of Delegates Policy Reference Committee met on Sunday, March 24, 2019, and presents the following report:

Topic #1 – Consolidation within Health Care

The APhA Policy Reference Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of the following as **AMENDED**.

Statement 3: APhA asserts that the scope of review by federal agencies must have a focus on regarding the impact of health care mergers and acquisitions on patients and the provision of care to ensure optimal patient outcomes. is inadequate. Therefore, APhA calls for:

- Reform of the review process for pre-health care mergers and acquisitions process;
- Implementation Creation of an ongoing post-health care mergers and acquisitions evaluation process; and
- Continuous transparent Open and continuing dialogue among stakeholders throughout the process. regarding strategies to assure patient access to care.

The APhA Policy Reference Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of the following, new statement 4 in Topic #1.

APhA calls for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to develop a task force to monitor health care mergers and acquisitions activity.

COMMENTS: The Committee reviewed additional background information on the recent development of a task force to monitor competition in U.S technology markets. Information on this task force was announced in February 2019 (<https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/02/ftcs-bureau-competition-launches-task-force-monitor-technology>) and was not available for consideration and review by the 2018-19 APhA Policy Committee. The Committee believes that the development of a specific task force on health care mergers and acquisitions would be beneficial and thusly specifically developed this new policy language.