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House of Delegates – Seattle, Washington

### NEW BUSINESS

(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)

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(Name)

January 9, 2019  
(Date)

APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhA-APPM)  
(Organization)

**Subject:** Unit-of-Use Packaging

**Motion:** I move to MODIFY the existing policy items,

2006, 2003 Unit-of-Use Packaging

1. APhA ~~encourages the continued~~ supports development, distribution, and use of unit-of-use packaging as the pharmaceutical industry standard to enhance patient safety, patient adherence, drug distribution efficiencies, and Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) regulation compliance, ~~and efficiencies in drug distribution in the event of a recall and reduce the potential for counterfeiting.~~
2. APhA ~~shall~~ encourages collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry, third-party payers, and appropriate federal agencies to effect the changes necessary for the adoption of unit-of-use packaging as the industry standard.
3. APhA ~~encourages~~ supports the enactment of legislation and regulations to permit pharmacists to modify prescribed quantities to correspond with commercially available unit-of-use packages.

Topic: [Drug Product Packaging](#)

(JAPhA NS43(5):Suppl.1:S57 September/October 2003) (JAPhA NS46(5):562 September/October 2006) (Reviewed 2007)(Reviewed 2012)(Reviewed 2013)(Reviewed 2018)

**Background:**

APhA House of Delegates has requested the APhA-APPM Policy Committee to review existing unit-of-use policy statements and introduce a new business item to sunset previous outdated language. and The needs of contemporary pharmacy practice are rapidly changing. The text below shows the recommended changes and how they affect the existing policy language. New policy language is shown as underlined text and deleted language is shown struck through.

**Current APhA Policy & Bylaws:**

## 2012 Counterfeit Medication and Unit-of-Use Packaging

APhA encourages the continued development, distribution, and use of unit-of-use packaging as the industry standard to enhance patient safety, patient adherence, and efficiencies in drug distribution, and to reduce potential for counterfeiting.

**Topic:** [Drug Product Packaging](#)

(JAPhA NS52(4) 458 July/August 2012)(Reviewed 2013)(Reviewed 2017)

## 2012, 2004, 1992 Drug Product Packaging

1. APhA supports the role of the pharmacist to select appropriate drug product packaging.
2. APhA supports the pharmaceutical industry's performance of compatibility and stability testing of drug products in officially defined containers to assist pharmacist selection of appropriate drug product packaging.
3. APhA supports the value of unit-of-use packaging to enhance patient care, but recognizes that product and patient needs may preclude its use.
4. APhA encourages the pharmaceutical industry to ensure that all unit-of-use packaging will accommodate a standard pharmacy label.

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(Am Pharm NS32(6):515 June 1992) (JAPhA NS44(5): 551 September/October 2004) (Reviewed 2006) (Reviewed 2007) (JAPhA NS52(4) 458 July/August 2012)(Reviewed 2013)(Reviewed 2017)

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