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KSHP Mission

To assist KSHP members in the provision of pharmaceutical care in organized health care settings throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

KSHP 2027 Legislative Priorities



The KSHP Board and House of Delegates have finalized the legislative priorities for the 2027 year. Please see the attached for details outlining the priorities for this upcoming year. The five priorities for the 2027 year include standard of care, technician workforce, pharmacy law exam, rural health transformation program and 340B monitoring and response. These can also be found on the KSHP Website by following the below steps:

1. Log in and go to member center
2. Go to the documents section
3. Select folder for legislative and advocacy priorities

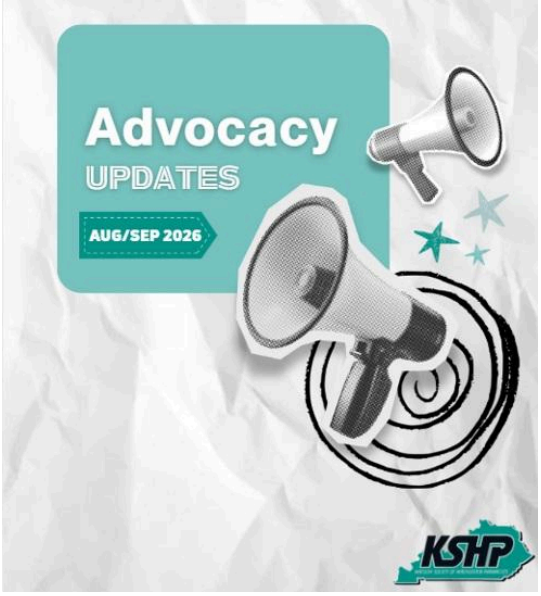
Advocacy News – August and September Monthly Updates

Interim Joint Committee on Health Services

The Interim Joint Committee on Health Services met on September 15. The full meeting memo is attached for additional details click HERE. Key takeaways include:

- The Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission highlighted $32 million in awards across 114 applications. The next state grant cycle will open on October 12.
- The Office of the Attorney General provided an update on the recent social media settlement with Meta, including how Kentucky plans to

use settlement funds.
- Pew Charitable Trusts spoke on regulating access to buprenorphine.



Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
The Board of Pharmacy filed four regulation amendments and a new administration regulation this month, two of these are related to pharmacy technicians and automated dispensing cabinets. Click HERE to see the proposed amendments.
Governor Beshear has also appointed Aaron Dixon to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. Dixon will replace Ronald Poole. Click HERE to see the Executive Order.

KSHP Advocacy and Engagement
KSHP President Dr. Gavin Howington and President-Elect Dr. Stacy Taylor participated in several policy discussions in Frankfort focused on compounded medications and related licensing, regulatory, and enforcement issues.

Federal Update: Health Care Price Transparency
KSHP expressed support for H.R. 3164 (Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act) through Congressman Guthrie's office.
Three proposals (Embed CGA Memo Price Transparency) have been introduced aimed at improving consumers' access to health care pricing information and strengthening federal oversight of price-transparency requirements.
The proposals address transparency requirements involving health care providers, health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).

KSHP Fall Meeting – REGISTER NOW!



Register now for the KSHP 2026 Fall Meeting in Lexington, KY at the Hyatt Regency Downtown! Join pharmacy professionals from across Kentucky for two days of high-quality continuing education, practice advancement discussions, advocacy and policy updates, clinical pearls, networking opportunities, exhibits, and dedicated programming for student pharmacists. We look forward to seeing you on October 8-9, 2026!

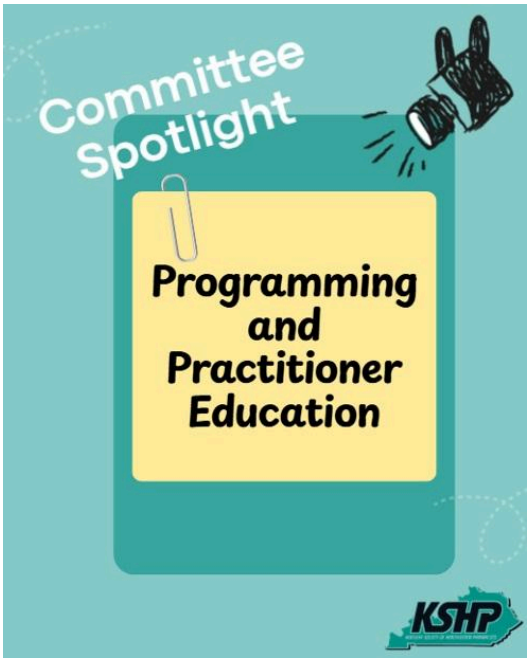
Journal Club Opportunity – Great Opportunity for Pharmacy Residents and Students



The Pharmacy Practice Committee is elated to host a virtual journal club designed to highlight meaningful new research articles that will impact pharmacy practice. Each one-hour journal club will highlight two articles and speakers (with 25 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for questions each). This is a unique opportunity to review emerging research and lead meaningful discussion with KSHP members across the Commonwealth. Pharmacy students and residents are highly encouraged to apply for this opportunity! The journal club presentation will be presented virtually in February 2027 (official date pending).

Applications are open now and can be found HERE. Applications are **due on October 14, 2026.** Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to present on/before November 5, 2026. Please reach out to Dr. Kaylee Meador (kayleenmeador@gmail.com) or Dr. Logan Roberts (logan.roberts@uoflhealth.org) with any questions.

Committee Spotlight – Programming and Practitioner Education



KSHP currently has eight committees and one subcommittee that help keep the organization running smoothly. This month we highlight our programming and practitioner education committee who is responsible for promoting and helping to organize activities and events that support continuing professional development, learning and education for KSHP members and pharmacy professionals across the Commonwealth. A large focus of this committee is helping to plan and organize the spring and fall meetings, reviewing speaker submissions and helping to facilitate meeting attendee-vendor engagement. If you are interested in joining the committee, please complete the KSHP volunteer form HERE or reach

out with any questions to the committee co-chairs Dr. Lindsey Harper (Lindsey.SmithHarper@nortonhealthcare.org) or Dr. Emily Followell (emily.followell@nortonhealthcare.org).

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