



Updates as of April 16, 2019 on MSHP Legislative Priorities in the 2019 General Assembly:

Bill	Description	Status
HB 188	PDMP	Passed out of the House 2/11/19 Referred to Seniors, Families, Children Senate Committee 3/7/19 Voted "Do pass" by committee 4/4/19 Referred to Fiscal oversight committee 4/9/19 Voted "Do pass" by committee 4/11/19
SB 357	Pharmacy Practice Act Expansion	Referred to Health and Pensions Senate Committee 2/21/19
HB 1234	Pharmacy Practice Act Expansion	Second read in the House 3/4/19
HB 725	Tobacco cessation prescribing rights for pharmacists	Referred to Health and Mental Health Policy House committee 1/30/19 Voted "Do pass" by committee 4/8/19 Referred to Rules – Legislative Oversight Committee 4/10/19
HB 487	Oral contraception prescribing rights under MTS	Passed out of the House 3/11/19 Referred to Seniors, Families, Children Senate Committee 3/26/19 Public Hearing held 4/4/19

Legislative Day Updates:

Legislative Day for pharmacy was held in Jefferson City on March 27, 2019. This event was hosted by MPA and was huge success. Hundreds of pharmacists from around the state gathered in addition to hundreds of student pharmacists from both St. Louis College of Pharmacy and University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy. The morning sessions were powerful and included updates from Governor Parsons, the Missouri Board of Pharmacy, as well as a powerful and emotional testimony from a patient advocate and mother to a son who was adversely impacted by lack of temperature control on medications delivered through mail order services.

MSHP also had the opportunity to provide some updates and discussed the following legislative priority for health-system pharmacists:

1. Technician advancement: MSHP and MPA have a common interest in patient safety and utilizing our skilled pharmacy technicians to the fullest extent allowed without compromising patient safety. In the health-system, once a product leaves the pharmacy, it is checked by a nurse and in many hospitals is scanned to ensure the product is correct before it is ever administered to the patient. This is much different from the community setting where the medication is dispensed directly to the patient. For this reason, it has been crucial for MSHP to develop a strategy in which tech check tech would only be allowed in Class B hospital pharmacies. Therefore, MSHP has worked diligently with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy Hospital Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) proposed rules, which would impact Class B hospital pharmacies only.
2. Pharmacy practice advancement: MSHP has been working with stakeholders across Missouri including MPA, MHA, UMKC, STLCOP, and other Missouri pharmacy groups to develop legislation which would expand the prescribing rights of pharmacists. SB357/HB1234 are products of this collaboration and allow pharmacists more authority to initiate, modify and discontinue therapies for legend drugs and controlled substances
3. MSHP supports the following bills currently introduced in the 2019 General Assembly:
 - a. HB725: regarding pharmacist prescribing authority for tobacco cessation products
 - b. HB 487: regarding pharmacist prescribing authority for oral contraception
 - c. HB 188: prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP)

After the morning updates, pharmacists and students transitioned to the Missouri State Capitol building where they advocated for advancement of our profession on many different issues. I cannot speak for everyone, but I found my discussions with both my Senator and Representative to be positive.

With Legislative Day in the books, the fight is not over. We still have a lot of work to do to ensure our legislative priorities are successful. If you attended Legislative Day and spoke with your congressional representative(s), send them an email or call them to follow-up on the importance of the items you discussed. This demonstrates your passion and will keep your priorities fresh in their minds. There are still some opponents to PDMP, so write your Legislator and combat the misinformation that is out there.