

October 12, 2020

Dear Executive Director White:

Hope this mail finds you well. As mentioned at our last Board of Pharmacy open session, a group of DC Pharmacy organization leaders have been meeting to discuss the scope of pharmacy practice in the District of Columbia. We believe that the advent of COVID-19 has revealed some gaps in our Pharmacy Practice Act (PPA) and Profession. The times we are in have presented a unique opportunity for the profession to consider updating the PPA and allow pharmacists to practice at the top of their license.

Therefore, we have reviewed the current PPA and request your consideration for modification as stated below:

Existing statement:

*Practice of pharmacy—the interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders; the compounding, dispensing, and labeling of drugs and devices, and the maintenance of proper records therefore; the responsibility of advising, where regulated or otherwise necessary, of therapeutic values and content, hazards, and use of drugs and devices; and the offering of performance of those acts, services, operations, and transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and control of a pharmacy.*

Suggested additional statement:

*Provide patients with access and information/material related to their medications, including ordering, performing and interpreting of health and wellness tests, managing chronic diseases through comprehensive medication management, contributing to the overall health of the community through awareness of social determinants of health, advancing population health strategies to optimize patient outcomes such as assessing treatment adherence, the administration of immunizations, other medications and biologics and working in and partnering with health systems and health professionals to advance health equity and improve health outcomes such as a reduction in hospital readmissions. The practice of pharmacy also includes collaborating with other health care professions throughout the continuum of care to ensure there is increased access to care for optimum response in the event of any potential public health emergencies or naturally occurring emerging disease.*

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Y. McKoy-Beach*

---

Yolanda McKoy-Beach, Pharm.D., CDE  
President  
Washington DC Pharmacy Association

*Anthea V. Francis, RPh*

---

Anthea V. Francis, RPh, B.Sc.Pharmacy  
Coordinator, Office of Continuing Professional Education  
Howard University College of Pharmacy

*VSubramaniam*

---

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, Pharm.D., MS, FASHP, FASCP, FCP, FFIP  
President & Chair Executive Board of Directors,  
Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists

*Memar D. Ayalew*

---

Memar Ayalew, Pharm.D.  
Immediate Past President  
DC College of Clinical Pharmacy

*Andrew Gentles, PharmD*

---

Andrew Gentles, Pharm.D., BCPS AQ-ID

*Toyin Tofade*

---

Toyin Tofade, MS, Pharm.D., BCPS, CPCC, FFIP  
Dean and Professor  
Howard University College of Pharmacy