



## Government Affairs Committee

### Report to the KPhA House of Delegates

#### Committee Members:

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Tyler Frederick  
Scott Hayes  
Cody Sullivan (Student)

#### **Actions of the Committee:**

The initial meeting of the GAC was held September 9, 2020 via Zoom. New committee members were introduced, and President Thornbury welcomed the members and gave the committee its charge for the year. Two main legislative priorities for the year were discussed:

##### A. Reimbursement for Services within Scope of Practice

The bill has been pre-filed by Rep. Bentley ([BR 328](#)) and is identical to the bill filed last session. In brief, the bill would mandate that insurance companies provide reimbursement to a pharmacist for a service or procedure at a rate not less than that provided to other nonphysician practitioners if the service or procedure when it's within the scope of pharmacy practice and would be covered if performed by another provider.

We are updating talking points and other materials from last session to prepare. Moving forward, GAC and KPhA staff will be reaching out to members as part of our grass roots advocacy efforts to get the bill passed.

**B. Comprehensive PBM Reform**

Representative Sheldon continues to consider comprehensive PBM reform, but has not pre-filed a bill. GAC will continue to monitor the situation and will discuss with Rep. Sheldon moving forward.

The second meeting of the GAC was held on October 14, 2020. President Thornbury recommend the committee consider forging stronger relationships with the Pharmacy Caucus of the Kentucky Legislature. After discussion, members decided to schedule specific meetings with individual legislators in the pharmacy caucus before the session begins in January. The first meeting will be with Rep. Bentley and is scheduled for Friday, October 23.

Other issues discussed by the committee included the optometrist regulation that would allow for optometrist dispensing and the HHS amendment to the PREP act. The committee discussed the need for the KPhA Board and pharmacists to file comments in opposition of the proposed regulation before the 10/31 deadline. The HHS PREP act amendment authorizes pharmacist to order and administer vaccines down to the age of three. As there are differing requirements between the PREP act and Kentucky law, we are working with the KPhA Professional Affairs committee and the Board of Pharmacy to gain clarity on how the new authority can be implemented in Kentucky.

**Recommendations submitted to House of Delegates:**

None at this time