Membership and Licensure Issues for 2021

Membership in the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)

Background

The NABP is the only professional association to which the boards of pharmacy of all 50 United States and the District of Columbia belong. The stated mission of the NABP is to assist its member boards and jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of protecting the public health. NABP develops and arranges for administration of the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). NABP also administers the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification program. In addition, NABP acts as a clearinghouse for licensure reciprocity and as an agent for the reporting of disciplinary orders to the national disciplinary DataBank. The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy has been a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for many years. The annual membership fee is $250, which is paid in January.

Staff recommendation

There being no other alternative, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy should continue its membership in the NABP. It would cost the state far more than $250 to duplicate the services offered by the NABP. Also, Minnesota would be out-of-step with the other 49 states and the District of Columbia if it did not continue its membership in NABP.

Graduation from an Approved College of Pharmacy. Adoption of the Accreditation Standards of the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the List of Approved Colleges of Pharmacy Established by ACPE.

Background

The Board has the power and duty under Minnesota Statutes §151.06, subd. 1(a)(5) to “examine and license as pharmacists all applicants whom it shall deem qualified to be such.” Minnesota Statutes §151.10, subd. 1 requires that applicants for a pharmacist license graduate from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy or another college or school in “good standing” as determined by the Board. In the past, the Board has adopted the accreditation standards and the list of approved colleges of ACPE.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends that the board continue to require graduation from an approved college of pharmacy and continue to approve and adopt the accreditation standards of the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the list of approved colleges of pharmacy established by ACPE as the list of colleges from which the Board will accept graduates as candidates for licensure.