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Dear Pharmacist:

Message from the President: Regulations Development Update

To keep the membership informed on the regulations development process we will be providing periodic updates. Enclosed in this mailing is the 2010 Working Timeline for Regulations Development under the December 2006 *Pharmaceutical Act* (Bill41) document.

As reported earlier, the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists (MSP) and MPhA, contracted PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to review the major issues related to regulations development. MSP and MPhA held a full-day retreat to discuss the issues in April 2009 followed by a series of option papers that were presented in a Town Hall Meeting in September 2009. In an effort to continue moving this process forward, the PwC Steering Committee Working Group (Working Group) was formed and has been meeting since December 2009 to develop consensus on the issues identified by MSP. We are pleased to report that this group has made considerable progress and has provided direction on most of the remaining issues.

These suggested resolutions have been presented to the MSP Board and MPhA Council and have, in principle, been accepted. The final PwC report on Distance Care was released on June 25th, 2010 and the Working Group is continuing to meet. Council has assembled an adhoc committee to draft regulations and report back to Council. Background materials have been circulated to this adhoc committee and they have begun the process of drafting the next set of regulations for the consideration of the members. Once a consultation and collaboration process is completed, the initial draft of regulations will be released to the members in the early fall for consideration and discussion. The version for voting of the members is scheduled to be released by early October.

A critical part of the process is the Town Hall meetings scheduled for September. A draft regulations document will be distributed during the second week of September for review and consideration by the members. The first meeting will be telecast to all areas of the province and the second will be held in Brandon:

M.Ph.A. Mission: - To protect the health and well being of the public by ensuring and promoting safe, effective and progressive pharmacy practice.

September 15th, 2010*
St. Boniface Research Centre
Samuel Cohen Auditorium
351 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

*Please call the MPhA office at 233-1411 and speak with Kathy Cobb for information on participating in this meeting via videoconference or webcast.

September 20th, 2010
Victoria Inn Brandon
3550 Victoria Avenue, Brandon
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

It is important for Council to understand the concerns of the members at this stage in order for changes to be made to the draft document in creating the Regulations Policy Document for consideration of approval by the members in October. We invite you all to participate and share your opinions.

Yours truly,



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President

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2010 Working Timeline for Regulations Development under the December 2006 Pharmaceutical Act (Bill41)

The MPhA Council and staff, along with representatives from the various stakeholder groups, are working diligently towards developing the *Consultation Document* which will form the basis of the *Regulations Policy Document*. The following is the timeline that has been set to develop a document which will be presented to the members of MPhA for consideration and ratification:

August 11th – Meeting of the Ad Hoc Regulations Drafting Committee to review the December 2007 *Draft Regulation Policy Document*, consider the Record of Decisions by the Working Group to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Steering Committee and the PwC report on regulations consultation (as possible solutions to the 13 issues identified by the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists) and prepare a draft document for consideration of MPhA legal counsel and Manitoba Health.

August 18th - review of draft regulations by MPhA legal counsel and Manitoba Health/Minister of Health

August 23rd – Update and review the Record of Decisions by the Working Group to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Steering Committee

August 25th – Council, with the assistance of legal counsel, approve the direction to be taken on the key and outstanding issues in the draft regulations *consultation document* to be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Regulations Drafting Committee.

August 27th – Communication/Consultation Teleconference - Working Group to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Steering Committee

August 30th -- Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Regulations Drafting Committee - review and include the direction provided from the August 25th Council meeting and develop wording and content recommendations for the *consultation document*

September 1st – Council to review the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Regulations Drafting Committee in consultation with MPhA legal counsel, Manitoba Health and MSP Executive Committee. Council to develop and approve the final wording of the *Consultation Document*, that will be distributed to stakeholders and members.

September 8th - Executive Committee reviews the *Consultation Document* in a hosted meeting with stakeholders that include the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists-Manitoba Branch (CSHP-MB), Manitoba Society of Pharmacists (MSP), Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians (CAPT), Manitoba International Pharmacists Association, chains operating in Manitoba, and various other groups.

September 9th – Communication/Consultation Teleconference - Working Group to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Steering Committee

September 10th - Release of Regulations *Consultation Document* to Members

September 15th – Members Town Hall Discussion – Winnipeg (starting at 6:00 pm at the Samuel Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, 351 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg and video-linked throughout the province)

September 20th – Members Town Hall Discussion – Brandon (starting at 7:00 pm at the Victoria Inn Brandon, 3550 Victoria Avenue, Brandon)

September 27th - 8:00 am Deadline for written responses to the *Consultation Document*

September 28th – Communication/Consultation Teleconference - Working Group to the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Steering Committee

September 29th – MPhA Executive Committee reviews feedback with Manitoba Health, MSP, CSHP-MB and CAPT

October 4th - Approval of draft *Regulations Policy Document* by Council

October 8th – The *October 2010 Regulations Policy Document* is distributed to members for their consideration and mail-in vote.

November 9th – 4:00 pm Deadline for members to cast their vote on the *October 2010 Regulations Policy Document*.