

DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION – OCTOBER 2011

1) UNCODIFIED REGULATIONS

- a. Mrs. Blomstrom has requested a discussion of the some 33 regulations that have been passed by the Board of Pharmacy and have yet to be codified by LCB. She indicated that she had a message in to Assemblyman Hansen to address the situation and hopefully will have something to share with us. It should be noted that all of the Boards are in the same situation, not just the Board of Pharmacy, and all to whom I have spoken share our frustration.
- b. Uncodified regulations present a particular frustration to our licensees, who rely on our law book for guidance, and are especially bothersome to upcoming pharmacists studying for the law exam.

2) ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CII PRESCRIPTIONS

- a. Ken Whittemore of Surescripts will make a presentation on this topic (separate agenda item) after which we can discuss the direction the Board wishes to take. The one given that we can all agree upon is the fact that we have a serious problem with prescription opiates in our country. Whether the electronic prescribing of these drugs will help or hinder this epidemic is yet to be seen. Hopefully, electronic prescribing will make it more difficult to forge, however the vast majority of these prescriptions filled are pursuant to legitimate prescriptions, not forgery, and to obtain a legitimate prescription for a CII, the patient now must see the doctor to pick up a written script. Electronic prescribing will eliminate that step, possibly making it even easier for the over-prescribers and over-users to operate. Time will tell.