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Dear Member:

The Council to the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association has reviewed and revamped the timelines and process for the regulations development and approval, pursuant to Bill 41, the *Pharmaceutical Act*. The updated timelines are on the reverse side of this page.

The updated process includes a **second *Regulations Discussion Document*** that will be distributed the week of August 3rd. This second document will include changes suggested by the pharmacist members through the responses received from the first *Regulations Discussion Document*. **As a result, the deadline for response to the first *Regulations Discussion Document* remains July 3rd, 2007.** Just a reminder, the pharmacist response document is available through the "MB" portion of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities website (www.napra.ca), as are other background and reference documents. It is these responses that will carry the greatest weight as Council develops the **second *Regulations Discussion Document***.

Over 200 pharmacists attended the educational sessions to discuss and understand the first *Regulations Discussion Document* and, as of today, over 70 response documents have been received in the office. All response documents will be assigned a number and attributed to the specific member to prevent double responses. **The information will be entered anonymously into a database.** The database will be tabulated and reviewed in order to develop the second *Regulations Discussion Document*. The database will be posted for all to review the tabulated results.

As described in the enclosed updated timelines document, the deadline for response to the **second *Regulations Discussion Document* will be October 1st.** This process will allow for additional time for members to understand and submit comments about the second *Regulations Discussion Document* and for the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists, and others, to continue their consultation process.

After this second round of consultation, the plan calls for draft regulations to be sent to all members in December for their consideration of approval. Even with the distribution of draft regulations, the final decision lies with the pharmacists of Manitoba and they will be asked for approval very early in 2008.

Thank you for your patience, participation and understanding in this very important process.

Yours truly,

Pat Trozzo, President