

# Advancing the Practice of Community Pharmacy



## COMPLETED GRANT SYNOPSIS

## **State Fact Sheets**

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## **Objectives**

To create state-specific resources that pharmacists can use to advocate at both the state and national level.

#### Methods

The existing state fact sheets, created in 2011 and updated in 2013, were used as a starting point. APhA and NASPA staff assessed the existing information and identified more current information. The overall approach was to make the data presented on the fact sheets more translatable so that policy makers could connect data from their state to impact that pharmacists could make to improve access and health outcomes. All of the data used was cited. This new iteration of the state fact sheets aimed to make the information visually appealing and easy to read. The fact sheets were purposefully kept to two pages so that they could be used as a "one-pager," "leave-behind" for advocacy meetings.

## Results

The state fact sheets can be accessed by the public here: <a href="http://naspa.us/resource/2016-state-fact-sheets/">http://naspa.us/resource/2016-state-fact-sheets/</a>

## Conclusion

The state fact sheets contain useful information for advocacy at both the state and federal level. They include a narrative of the value of pharmacists and also state-specific demographic data, demonstrating the widespread need for pharmacist-provided patient care services and the potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services. These fact sheets should be useful for pharmacist advocates wishing to articulate the value of pharmacists' services.