

Committee: New York City Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists
Topic: Drug Shortages
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Whereas, An ASHP survey of directors of pharmacy revealed that labor costs and the time required to manage drug shortages are significant and the current information available to manage drug shortages is considered suboptimal. The labor costs associated with managing shortages in the United States is an estimated \$216 million annually, and,

Whereas, Drug shortages can be caused by natural disasters, a lack of available raw or bulk materials, manufacturing difficulties, regulatory issues, recalls of the affected or related products, or changes in product formulations. There is an increase in drug shortages in the past decade, and,

Whereas, Drug shortages can have a profound effect on patient care, since they limit the treatment options available to prescribers and patients, ultimately keeping patients from receiving the level of care they deserve and have come to expect, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages the FDA to expedite the process of outsourcing medically necessary drugs from outside the U.S. to temporarily alleviate the critical drug shortage. Drug shortages pose a serious threat to patients until the resolution of shortage by the U.S. manufacturers, especially when the shortage is expected to be long term.

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