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Dear Member:

Thank you to all members and organizations that replied to the second *Regulations Discussion Document*. There were over 100 full responses and they will be posted at the MPhA website shortly.

The Council to the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association reviewed the responses to the second *Regulations Discussion Document* on November 9th, 2007. Further changes were made and referred to legal counsel and the Registrar to rewrite those sections. At the December 3rd, 2007 meeting, the Council approved the enclosed document for distribution to voting members. It is this document that you need to review and consider for approval.

In the New Year, you will receive another document that is currently being prepared which will provide some general clarification and explanation to further the understanding of the intent of certain sections. Also, you will be provided instructions regarding a voting process. All members will be aware of a new by law recently passed by Council that would enable a mail-in vote. Council plans to use this mail-in vote process to approve the draft regulations document. By using a mail-in vote, all members will have the opportunity to participate in the decision.

Once regulations are approved by the members, the next step in the process is to forward the approved document to the Minister of Health. We have been advised the government views the regulations passed by members as "regulation policy". It is the member approved regulations that the government will use to prepare regulations in "legislative language". Typically, this task is referred to the Legislative Unit of Manitoba Health for their review of wording and content. The Legislative Unit works closely with the Legislation Drafting Unit.

This is a very exciting time for the role of the pharmacist and patient care. It is an opportunity to provide enhanced care to patients in a manner that best utilizes the knowledge, expertise and training of pharmacists. We are getting ever so close in taking this task to completion and I thank the members of Council, the staff and most importantly the members that have participated all along the way.

Please take the opportunity to review the proposed draft regulations. Although Council members and staff are prepared to discuss the document further, you may wish to hold some of your questions until the explanatory information and voting instruction are distributed in the New Year.

All the very best for the holiday season.

Yours truly,

Pat Trozzo, President

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To protect the health and well being of the public by ensuring and promoting safe, effective and progressive pharmacy practice.