

Iowa Board of Pharmacy
Position on Medicinal Marijuana Interim Study Committee
March 10, 2010

1. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy supports the continuing effort to study and develop a recommendation for the 2011 Iowa legislature regarding a medical marijuana program for Iowa, including a draft of proposed legislation.
2. The Board reiterates the need for the Iowa legislature to address this issue in a manner that incorporates input from a broad spectrum of individuals and organizations who will consider all scientific, medical, societal, and legal issues. The Board will participate in and help direct this process, as directed by the legislature.
3. Until the Board receives a waiver or other relief from spending restrictions, the Board opposes the use of its resources—derived from license fees—to cover expenses of an interim study committee. These restrictions imposed by executive orders severely limit the Board’s ability to fulfill its primary mission of protecting the public health through regulation of pharmacy practice and distribution of controlled substances. Funding of this primary mission must be the Board’s fiscal priority.