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NABP .Pharmacy Governance Document

PART I. GOVERNANCE OF .PHARMACY

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is an impartial professional organization that supports the state boards of pharmacy in creating uniform regulations to protect public health. Specifically, NABP recognizes the ongoing and critical need for patients' medications to be managed by a licensed pharmacist, and for their medications to be appropriately sourced through safe and legal channels, in accordance with applicable standards of care. In order to protect and serve the collective interests of patients as consumers, NABP has launched the .pharmacy Top-Level Domain (TLD). In line with its mission to assist its member boards of pharmacy to protect the public health, the .pharmacy TLD will serve as a trusted, hierarchical, and intuitive domain for legitimate Internet pharmacies and pharmacy-related organizations worldwide. Registration for a .pharmacy domain name is voluntary.

1. Registry Operator.

The .pharmacy TLD is operated by NABP. NABP executed a Registry Agreement for the .pharmacy TLD with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) in 2014.

2. The Executive Board.

The .pharmacy TLD is governed by a permanent Executive Board comprised of members of a global coalition which is selected and overseen by the NABP Executive Committee. Its main functions will be to develop recommendations, for review and approval by the NABP Executive Committee, concerning strategy, national and international standards, and new members to the Regulator Advisory Committee and the Registrant/Supporter Advisory Committee ("Committees").

Executive Board members shall include:

- Three members appointed by NABP (one of which shall be the Executive Committee Liaison with no voting rights, another of which shall serve as chair).
- One representative of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
- One representative designated by the Registrant/Supporter Advisory Committee
- One representative of the Regulator Advisory Committee
- One representative of National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA)
- Secretariat (not voting; position to be filled by the NABP Executive Director or his designee)

An Executive Board member may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the NABP Executive Committee.

The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly and may conduct meetings by telephone or video conference, whereby each participant may simultaneously hear all other participants in the meeting. Quorum for a meeting shall be at least 50% of all Executive Board members.

3. The Registrant/Supporter Advisory Committee.

The .pharmacy Registrant/Supporter Advisory Committee, chaired by an NABP appointee, will include various institutions and any organizations of the .pharmacy community, along with various registrants of .pharmacy domain names in good standing. This permanent committee will provide expertise and strategic input to the Executive Board for maintaining core (common) standards of operation that are universal to legitimate pharmacy practice and that may be required of all domain name registrants in the .pharmacy TLD, consistent with the mission and purpose of the .pharmacy TLD and the interests of the global public health.

Registrant/Supporter Advisory Committee members may include (but are not limited to) pharmacy professional organizations, industry leaders, patient advocacy groups, and Internet technology experts.

4. The Regulator Advisory Committee.

The .pharmacy Regulator Advisory Committee, chaired by an NABP appointee, will include various pharmacy regulators and regulatory associations from around the globe. This permanent committee will provide expertise and strategic recommendations to the Executive Board on regulatory standards required of domain name registrants in the .pharmacy TLD and other relevant topics, consistent with the mission and purpose of the .pharmacy TLD and the interests of the global public health.

Regulator Advisory Committee members may include (but are not limited to) regulatory groups and enforcement authorities.

5. Committee Governance.

Members of the Committees will be appointed by the NABP Executive Committee. Meetings of the Committees shall be conducted biannually and may be conducted by telephone or video conference, whereby each participant may simultaneously hear all other participants in the meeting. Quorum for a Committee meeting shall be at least 50% of all members of the Committee. Formal action (eg, recommendations to the Executive Board and NABP Executive Committee) of a Committee shall require approval of at least a majority of the Committee members in attendance. Minutes of committee meetings shall be provided to the Executive Board and the NABP Executive Committee. A Committee member may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the NABP Executive Committee.

6. National Standard Setting Partnerships

The .pharmacy TLD program will enter into partnerships, on an ad-hoc and non-permanent basis, with national reputable pharmacy or other appropriate regulators to define national specifications that will be required of .pharmacy domain name registrants that practice pharmacy in those jurisdictions. Additional national specifications supplement the core (common) standards of operation required of all .pharmacy domain name registrants and may address variant policies including, but not limited to, patient privacy, controlled substances, prescription requirements, practitioner license requirements and other policies as deemed appropriate by the respective national pharmacy regulators or other stakeholders. Such standards will be reviewed by the Executive Board for presentation and approval by the Executive Committee.

PART II. PROGRAM STANDARDS AND POLICIES

A number of requirements will be interwoven into the operation of the .pharmacy TLD. These requirements include, but are not limited to, Program Standards (criteria against which .pharmacy applicants are evaluated), Registrant Eligibility Standards (who can register domain names within the .pharmacy TLD), and an Authorized Usage Policy (how the domain names can be used). In addition, applicants must agree to program Terms and Conditions (T&C) upon application for a domain name. The T&C describe the rights and obligations of NABP and the applicant. By submitting an application for a .pharmacy domain or acquiring a .pharmacy domain name customer agrees to comply with the T&C.

PART III. AMENDMENT PROCESS

Changes to this .pharmacy Governance document may be proposed by the Advisory Committee or Executive Board. This Governance document may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the NABP Executive Committee.