

## **NABP .Pharmacy Governance Document**

### **PART I. GOVERNANCE OF .PHARMACY**

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is the independent, international and impartial association that assists its member boards and jurisdictions for the purpose of protecting the 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 operates 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 serves 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 an Executive Board comprised of members of a global coalition, which is selected and overseen by the NABP Executive Committee. Its main functions are to develop recommendations, for review and approval by the NABP Executive Committee, concerning strategy, and national and international standards.

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 of National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA)
- Secretariat (not voting; position to be filled by the NABP Executive Director or his designee)
- Additional regulatory and stakeholder representatives as appointed by the NABP Executive Committee

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. 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.

## **PART II. PROGRAM STANDARDS AND POLICIES**

A number of requirements are 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 Requirements (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**

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.