The Iowa Pharmacy Association’s commitment to legislative involvement is critical to the future of the profession of pharmacy. It is important for pharmacists to make sure that key legislators understand the important role that today’s pharmacists play in enhancing the health care of Iowans, and this interaction remains an important way to allow for positive changes in pharmacy practice.

An important way that the IPA can impact legislative issues is by using their political action funds carefully and wisely to provide support to legislators and candidates who are supportive of pharmacy’s role in delivering patient care. The Legislative Defense Fund and Political Action Committee play an important role in enhancing the legislative mission of the profession of pharmacy in Iowa. While both funds are necessary in promoting pharmacy to legislators, there are some major differences between them.

IPA encourages every pharmacist, or pharmacy, to make a contribution to one of these funds, at any level, to assure that our voice is heard!

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