



NJAFP 2024 Resolution # 1
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Resolution to End Automatic Renewal of Prescriptions by Pharmacies

- 1 **Whereas:** the current practice of automatic prescription renewals by pharmacies has resulted in
2 an increased administrative burden for family doctors, and
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4 **Whereas:** this system can inadvertently lead to potential errors including the risk of duplicate
5 prescriptions and automatic renewals of outdated prescriptions, and
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7 **Whereas:** these unnecessary tasks detract from the primary responsibility of physicians to
8 provide direct patient care and can potentially compromise patient safety, now therefore be it
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10 **RESOLVED:** that the Academy call upon the relevant regulatory bodies to end the practice of
11 automatic prescription renewals by pharmacies, and be it further
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13 **RESOLVED:** that the Academy advocate for a system where prescription renewals are initiated
14 only upon the explicit request of the patient or the prescribing physician.