

## House of Delegates June 8 and 10, 2025

## **Antitrust Statement**

ASHP has a policy of strict compliance with federal and state antitrust laws. ASHP policymakers, including delegates to the House of Delegates, need to be aware of the possible antitrust exposure that may arise when representatives of competing entities with market power meet to discuss the types of issues on House of Delegates agendas. Although your service in the ASHP House of Delegates has as its express purpose carrying on discussions for the purpose of optimizing therapeutic outcomes and patient care, and is a voluntary venture, not undertaken on behalf of your respective employers or businesses, your activities may be interpreted as actions by competitors. It is important that delegates understand that they cannot come to understandings or agreements on activities or positions that might:

- 1) raise, lower or affect prices, reimbursement levels, discounts, fees, wages, and/or other terms and conditions for doing business;
- 2) allocate or divide markets or territories;
- 3) indicate a refusal to deal with particular customers, companies, or thirdparty payors; or
- 4) affect supply and demand of products and/or services.

It is acceptable to discuss pricing models, methods, systems, and other forms of voluntary consensus standards or guidelines based on objective evidence that do not lead to an agreement on restraining prices, wages, or related matters. Information may be presented with regard to historical pricing activities so long as such information is general in nature and does not include specific data on current prices or wages in a particular trade area. Any discussion by delegates to the ASHP House of Delegates of current or future pricing, wages, fees, or other terms and conditions, which may lead to an agreement or consensus on prices, wages, or fees, is strictly prohibited. A violation of the antitrust laws may be inferred from discussions about pricing or wages followed by parallel decisions by group members, even in the absence of an oral or written agreement.