

## **NPSC Continues to Push Legislation Strengthening Pharmacy Provider Status**

NPSC has introduced legislation into the Massachusetts legislature that seeks to strengthen pharmacy provider status. Our Massachusetts lobbyist and Advocacy Center Director Ron Lanton is working with our bill sponsors Representative Jones (R-North Reading) and Senator Tarr (R-First Essex and Middlesex) to advance [H2325](#) and [S2597](#).

These companion bills seek to establish a written statewide protocol for pharmacists to test or screen for and initiate treatment or therapy for qualified health conditions.

Both bills are currently in the Joint Committee on Public Health. There is no date set yet for a public hearing. Enacting these bills will help to strengthen the existing provider status law so that pharmacists will have more options to help patients while being able to be appropriately reimbursed for their services.

For additional information on this bill or to find out how you can help move this bill along contact Ron Lanton at 240-482-6060 or email him at [rlanton@lantonlaw.com](mailto:rlanton@lantonlaw.com).