



Public Health Protection Features of the VAWD Program

- ✓ Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors® (VAWD®) does the due diligence work for manufacturers, state regulatory agencies, and even other wholesale distributors: VAWD accreditation assures prescription medication wholesale distributors' facilities operate legitimately, are validly licensed in good standing, and are employing security and professional practices for safely distributing prescription drugs from manufacturers to pharmacies and other institutions.
- ✓ VAWD is an additional tool to assist regulators in identifying those wholesale distributors, located out-of-state, which are lawfully practicing and are eligible for non-resident licensure.
- ✓ VAWD provides vigorous screening of wholesale distributor entities, designated representatives and other affiliated persons through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's® (NABP®) National Clearinghouse of Licensure, Certification, and Accreditation.
- ✓ VAWD requires comprehensive criminal and financial background checks be performed on designated representatives, their supervisors, and other responsible persons.
- ✓ VAWD applicants undergo a rigorous compliance review in accordance with program criteria derived from the NABP Model Rules for the Licensure of Wholesale Distributors including examination of wholesale distributors' facilities in seven key areas:
 - Licensure
 - Facility
 - Personnel
 - Record Keeping
 - Authentication and Verification
 - Returned, Damaged, and Outdated Drugs
 - Policies and Procedures
- ✓ VAWD is one of many programs offered by NABP that assists state and federal regulators with the licensure and accreditation of pharmacists or facilities; for example, the Association's pharmacist licensure transfer program that was established in 1904 and the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites™ (VIPPS®) program, which has been certifying online pharmacies since 1999.
- ✓ VAWD facility surveys are performed by trained surveyors who contract with and are managed by NABP.
- ✓ VAWD is supported by FDA as an excellent tool for assisting the state boards of pharmacy and wholesale distribution industry in protecting the public from the threat of counterfeit drugs affecting the United States' drug supply.

