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## **American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists Supports FDA, FTC Actions to Remove OTC HCG Weight-Loss Products from the Market**

MILWAUKIE, Ore., 30 December 2011—The American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists (AAHP), representing the principal manufacturers and distributors of homeopathic medicines in the U.S., said today that it supports the actions taken by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to remove over-the-counter human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) weight-loss products from the market.

In August, AAHP addressed misleading claims of “homeopathic” HCG with a [statement](#) on its website. AAHP issued its statement because of concern that consumers were being led to believe that “homeopathic” HCG products have the same track record for safe use as other homeopathic drugs; in fact, there is no history or scientific support of the efficacy of a homeopathic HCG weight-loss product.

Homeopathic medicines help resolve common, self-diagnosed conditions, including symptoms of colds, allergies, etc. There are no established homeopathic weight-loss products.

FDA regulates homeopathic medicines as over-the-counter drugs and the medicines are prepared according to Good Manufacturing Practices. Consumers who are interested in learning more about homeopathy may visit the following websites:

AAHP: <http://www.homeopathicpharmacy.org>

American Institute of Homeopathy: <http://www.homeopathyusa.org>

National Center for Homeopathy: <http://www.homeopathic.org>.

*Founded in 1923, the AAHP is a not-for-profit corporation of the State Commonwealth of Virginia, representing the interests of homeopathic manufacturers, distributors, and individual pharmacists in cooperative efforts with regulatory agencies and other organizations nationally. The AAHP functions as a trade association within the homeopathic pharmaceutical industry to represent the opinions and interests of homeopathic product manufacturers and distributors, the FDA, other regulatory agencies and other trade associations. In addition, the association promotes high standards in manufacturing and distributing, communicates regulatory changes to member companies through a regular newsletter, and promotes professional communications, education, and research within the homeopathic community.*

SOURCE: American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists

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