

## San Antonio company relocates to Corpus Christi

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CORPUS CHRISTI — American Pharmacies, a co-op of independent pharmacies, is moving its office from San Antonio to Corpus Christi. The new office, in the Frost Building downtown, opens April 1.

The company, founded in 1999, is a member-owned cooperative of more than 600 independently owned pharmacies in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The move better allows the company to accommodate the needs of the fast growth of members in South Texas, said Amanda C. Fields, the co-op's general counsel.

"We negotiate wholesale offerings on behalf of our members," Fields said. "There will be a staff consisting of a president, general counsel and administrative assistant, with a board of directors meeting there from time to time."

American Pharmacies is also the parent company for the Texas Pharmacy Business Council, an Austin-based advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring patient access to quality pharmacy services and the economic viability of community pharmacies and the pharmacy profession. That office will remain in Austin, Fields added.

Fields and Mike Gohlke, American Pharmacies' president, are Corpus Christi residents. For more information, visit [www.aprx.org](http://www.aprx.org).

Melissa DeLeon of NAI Cravey Real Estate Services represented American Pharmacies. NAI Cravey Real Estate is the exclusive leasing agent for Frost Bank Plaza.

