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Survey Will Help AMCP Establish Legislative & Regulatory Priorities for Next Year

What are the crucial issues facing managed care pharmacy over the next year? AMCP is seeking member and stakeholder input to develop its legislative and regulatory priorities for 2020. In a new survey, we are asking you to rank the following issues based on importance: Medicare Part D, biosimilars, restrictions on managed care pharmacy strategies, Medicare Part B management, state issues related to benefits coverage and Medicaid, rising cost of pharmaceuticals, shift from fee-for-service to value-based care, opioid management, price transparency, and health-insurance marketplace reform. The survey then drills down with detailed questions based on each respondent's No. 1 ranking. The survey takes about 5

minutes, and all who complete the questionnaire will be eligible to win one of two \$250 gift cards. Look for the survey in your email inbox. Learn more about AMCP's policy and advocacy work at www.amcp.org/policy-advocacy.



AMCP to Hold Partnership Forum on Digital Therapies this Month

AMCP will hold its latest [Partnership Forum](#), "Digital Therapies: What Are They and Where Do They Fit in Pharmacy and Medical Benefits?" on Sept. 17-18 in Alexandria, Va. Attendees, representing diverse health care stakeholders, will seek to define digital therapeutics from a managed care perspective and develop metrics that will allow payers to make informed coverage decisions. Findings and recommendations from the event will be published in an upcoming issue of AMCP's *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*. [Read findings from previous meetings](#). (image, scene from June 2019 Partnership Forum on Optimizing Prior Authorization for Appropriate Medication Selection)



CEO Blog: Biosimilars Could Be in Jeopardy if ACA is Invalidated

Blog by AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE: AMCP's roughly 8,000 members work hard every day to improve patient care through the optimized use of medicines. As an organization, we also take a leading role in developing improvements to the overall delivery of care, which is no easy task given the size and complexity of our health care system. Making improvements is what we're all about. That's why we're concerned about efforts underway in the federal courts to invalidate the Affordable Care Act (ACA) without careful consideration of what comes next. [Read Susan's blog](#).

**VOLUNTEERS
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Apply for an AMCP Committee by
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Applications Are Being Accepted for Volunteer Committee Positions

AMCP is seeking volunteers to serve on 14 committees, including the Educational Affairs Committee, Legislative and Regulatory Action Committee and Professional Practice Committee. Serving on an AMCP committee allows you share your voice and expertise, while making valuable personal connections and giving back to the managed care pharmacy profession. Volunteers also play a crucial role in helping AMCP provide the types of research, tools, and education that members have come to value as they advance in their practice and careers. [Apply to serve on an AMCP committee by Nov. 5](#).





Foundation Symposium to Explore Impact of Technology on Oncology Innovation & Care

Attendees of AMCP Nexus 2019 and others are invited to join next month's [AMCP Foundation Research Symposium: Oncology](#), which will focus on the latest developments in technology, treatment decisions-making, and affordability around cancer care. The Symposium will include panels of experts who will focus on such issues as: clinical decision-making in patient care; patients' concerns about health plan and payers' use of data and shared decision-making; innovative approaches for justifying the value of care; and the biopharmaceutical industry's use of health IT and artificial intelligence to advance research, accelerate regulatory approvals and communicate value. The event takes place Oct. 29 in National Harbor, Md. [Register today!](#) *(image, scene from 2018 Foundation Symposium)*



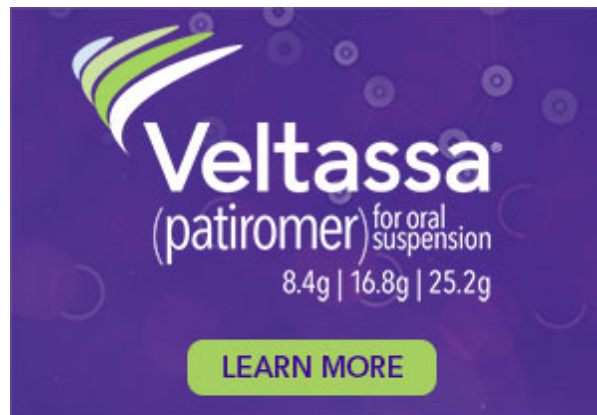
Western Regional Conference Focuses Lessons on Managed Care and Advocacy

The AMCP student chapter at Touro University in Vallejo, Calif., this summer hosted the 2019 Western Regional Managed Care Student Conference, which had a theme of "advocating for your future through personal and professional advocacy to achieve optimal patient outcomes." The keynote speaker was AMCP Board Director **Vinson Lee**, PharmD, who discussed grassroots movements and explained how involvement in AMCP and other organizations can advance the profession of pharmacy and provide better care for patients. Students attended breakout sessions that focused on managed care residencies, patient advocacy, professional advocacy, personal advocacy, and legislative changes. Students also worked in groups to develop solutions to hypothetical problems that face managed care pharmacists. The groups presented their solutions to a panel of judges, which provided feedback. *(image, some of the Western Regional Conference attendees)*



AMCP Members in the News

Former AMCP Board Director **Eric Cannon**, PharmD, FAMCP, has been selected to serve on the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Advisory Panel on Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science (CEDS). The CEDS program seeks to fill clinical information gaps by producing valid, trustworthy, and useful new evidence comparing the effectiveness of different clinical options. In situations where there already is adequate evidence, CEDS seeks approaches to raise patients and caregivers' awareness of this information so they can make use of it in choosing the best option for them. *(News & Views wants to highlight member achievements. Please send notices of your accomplishments to nlearner@amcp.org)*



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APPE Student Pharmacists Present Research at AMCP Headquarters

APPE student pharmacists **Erika Kiefer**, of Ohio Northern University, and **Morgan Portner**, of St. John's University, last month completed their five-week AMCP Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va. [AMCP's five-week APPE rotation](#) gives students hands-on experience with association and leadership and management practices, including effective communication, education, and advocacy. In addition, the students conducted original research, which they presented to AMCP/Foundation staff. Kiefer presented on "Managing Rheumatoid Arthritis in Managed Care Pharmacy," and Portner presented on "Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH): What Does Managed Care Need to Know?" (image, l-r, Kiefer and Portner)



AMCP Foundation/Allergan Intern Focuses on Health Care Costs of MDD

AMCP Foundation/Allergan intern **Ryan Thaliffdeen**, of the University of California, San Francisco, last month completed his internship at AMCP/Foundation headquarters. As part of his experience, Thaliffdeen conducted original research on "Healthcare Costs of (Major Depressive Disorder) MDD Patients over Multiple Lines of Therapy and Major Depressive Episodes." He will present his research as a poster at AMCP Nexus 2019 next month in National Harbor, Md. Read more on [AMCP Foundation internship programs](#).

Nominations for the 2020 Steve G. Avey Award Are Now Being Accepted



The AMCP Foundation Award Committee is seeking nominations for individuals who embody the exemplary qualities of the Steven G. Avey Award, including [leadership, research, advocacy, innovation, and collaboration](#). The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner during AMCP 2020 in Houston, Texas. Please submit [nominations](#) by Sept. 16. *(image, 2019 Avey recipient Steve Avey with then AMCP President Mitzi Wasik)*



AMCP eDossier System: Direct Access to Dossiers for Payers

Payers can easily request and access dossiers from FormularyDecisions.com, home of the AMCP eDossier System. According to recent research, payers who access FormularyDecisions.com are primarily using the dossiers as a secondary source of evidence to support P&T reviews, or to inform or validate their own research and analysis (N=2109). Payers registered on the AMCP eDossier System can request dossiers for pipeline products, FDA approved products, and for existing products with new indications. Registration is free for payers at amcp.edossiers.com. Manufacturers interested in supporting payer reviews with dossiers or other pre-approval or post-FDA approval information may contact information@formularydecisions.com. For more information, join our [free webinar](#), Oct. 1, on Pre-Approval Information: A 360-degree view of dossiers for payers and manufacturers – for insights on the evolution of the pre-approval information exchange between manufacturers and payers.



Digital Badge Displays Mastery of the Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy

AMCP Learn's Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy now offers a web-enabled digital badge on completion of the program. The top-rated home-study activity offers: a comprehensive introduction to basic concepts and key managed care concepts and terminology; fair and unbiased content developed by experts and pioneers of the profession; and 12 modules of streamlined learning. Those who have already completed the Fundamentals program, watch for an email notification when it's time to claim your badge. If you haven't taken the Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy 2nd Edition — either as a [professional](#) or a [student pharmacist](#) — visit [AMCP Learn](#) today and start earning your digital badge!

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