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Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care

OCTOBER 16-19
GAYLORD TEXAN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

DALLAS

House Subcommittee Holds Hearing
on AMCP-Supported PIE Act – AMCP



Member Kat Khachatourian Testifies

Legislation that would create a safe harbor for sharing information on medicines awaiting FDA approval took a major step forward last month. The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the "Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2017" ([H.R. 2026](#)). "The Academy strongly supports H.R. 2026 as it represents significant progress in the move toward value-based health care," said AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, after the July 12 hearing. "As the health care system moves toward payments based on value, rather than volume, access to more and better information becomes crucial for health care decision makers."

AMCP Member Katherine Wolf Khachatourian, PharmD, MBA, Vice President of Pharmacy Services, Strategy and Delegation Oversight at Qualchoice Health Plan Services, Inc., (pictured above) testified in support of H.R. 2026. Read [more](#).



New AMCP Video Provides Overview of H.R. 2026

AMCP CEO Susan Cantrell goes on camera to discuss "Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2017" and possible next steps. Watch the video [here](#).



AMCP Directors Meet to Discuss Strategic Planning, Bylaw Revisions, More

The AMCP Board of Directors gathered in Alexandria, Va., last month for its regular summer meeting. The agenda included discussions of AMCP's new strategic plan, bylaws revisions, financial oversight matters and issues such as managed care pharmacy's role in stemming the rising costs of pharmaceuticals. The Board this fall will release proposed revisions to the AMCP bylaws for membership comment. AMCP is now

accepting candidates for the 2016-2019 Board election (see story below). For more on the current Board of Directors, including bios of members, visit [here](#).



AMCP & Beyond: CEO Blog – Responding to NY Times Article

Earlier this week, AMCP issued a press release, entitled, "*New York Times* Article on Value-Based Contracting Doesn't Tell Full Story, Says Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy." My blog today publishes our release for the benefit of our members:

Conclusions reached in a recent *New York Times* article on outcomes-based contracting are premature, if not inaccurate, stated Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, adding, "It's still the early innings for outcomes-based, or value-based, contracting for prescription drugs, and therefore, too soon to dismiss." In a letter to the editor, Cantrell wrote: "The diagnosis of outcomes-based contracting in 'Considering the Side Effects of Drugmakers' Money-Back Guarantees' (July 10) is premature, if not inaccurate..." [Read entire press release.](#)



AMCP Board of Directors Election Deadline Is Coming: *Applications Due September 7*

The AMCP Committee on Nominations is seeking candidates for President-elect and three (3) Directors. The terms of office will begin at the conclusion of the 2018 AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Boston. The President-elect will serve three years (1 year each as President-elect, President and Immediate Past President). The Directors will serve two year terms. For more information, or to download the application, visit www.amcp.org/election.



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AMCP Nexus 2017 Education Session Guide Is Live

Use the [Session Guide](#) to learn details of educational offerings at AMCP Nexus 2017: Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care. Sessions are being added on a rolling basis and the guide provides a handy indication of the types of continuing education credits that are available across five tracks. AMCP Nexus is accredited for all! We look forward to welcoming you to Texas this October 16-19. [Register today!](#)



AMCP Learn Offers Three Presentations from Specialty Pharmacy Connect 2017

Three of the most-talked-about presentations at Specialty Pharmacy Connect are now available on AMCP Learn. Click the following links to find more about each session:

1. [The New Era of Precision Medicine in Oncology](#)
2. [Managing Orphan Drugs for Rare Diseases: Challenges, Opportunities and Value Assessment](#)
3. [The Promise of Big Data in Improving Cancer Care](#)

Continuing pharmacy education credit is available for each. Visit [AMCP Learn](#) for complete details.

Nexus Attendees Can Earn



Additional CE Credit at 11 Non-Commercial, Industry-Supported Satellite Symposia

Presented at no additional charge to registered conference attendees, Satellite Symposia extend the educational experience of conference attendees and offer continuing pharmacy education credit (CPE), with some also offering continuing medical education credit (CME), continuing nursing education credit (CNE) or all three. Topics include diabetes, advances in HCV, immunotherapy in oncology, lipid management, management strategies in hemophilia, asthma, atopic dermatitis, multiple sclerosis, emerging treatments for hyperkalemia, evolving therapies for breast cancer and treatment of psoriatic arthritis. All symposia will be held at the Gaylord Texan Hotel & Convention Center in Dallas. For more information, [click here](#).



AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapter Spotlight: University of Missouri - Kansas City



Legendary GE CEO Jack Welch said, “Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” The Student Pharmacists Chapter at the University of Missouri—Kansas City (UMKC) School of Pharmacy is adopting this as its motto as it reinvigorates its recruitment efforts. The student pharmacy organizations have established two events in the fall in order to educate incoming students about extracurricular opportunities. The AMCP chapter has always attended these, but this year they plan to expand their presence and focus on strengthening AMCP membership. [Read more](#).

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Summer Pharmacy Interns Visit AMCP Headquarters



Nearly 20 summer pharmacy interns from different organizations throughout the Washington, D.C., region visited AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va., on July 12. The tour was arranged by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy to expose interns to the wide range of professional groups supporting pharmacy. During their visit to the Academy, AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, and AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, introduced the interns to managed care pharmacy principles, and explained the mission and vision of AMCP and the Foundation.



AMCP eDossier System: Highlights From Customer Centric Medical Information Conference

AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, presented at the 4th Annual Customer Centric Medical Information [conference](#) on July 24. Her presentation, "Utilizing AMCP Dossier Formats to Prepare Data for Formulary Consideration," outlined how the AMCP eDossier System supports the exchange of information between payers and manufacturers, facilitating an efficient drug review process. The presentation highlighted the System's ability to facilitate pre-approval information. Manufacturers in the audience commented on the

rise of pre-approval information requests from payers. Ms. Cantrell identified the AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions, v4.0, as providing manufacturers guidance on pre-approval information requests.

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