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FORMAT 4.1

AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions

## AMCP Releases Format for Formulary Submissions, Version 4.1

AMCP has released Version 4.1 of the [AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions](#), which includes two new dossier types for biopharmaceutical manufacturers to share evidence on unapproved products and new indications that are under review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The first version of the AMCP Format was launched in 2000, and it has since become the primary tool manufacturers use to share safety, efficacy, and value data with health care decision makers (HCDMs) as they consider products for coverage and formulary placement. Changes in the AMCP Format 4.1 are a direct response to growing information needs due to the complex and costly therapies coming to market each year. “Payers and health care decision makers have been calling for mechanisms to obtain information sooner on innovative products, such as biologics and gene therapies, as they plan and design their covered benefits for the subsequent year,” said AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. “For two decades, the AMCP Format has been the gold standard for evaluating evidence

when making coverage decisions. This latest version will allow payers to provide faster access to the valuable, yet often expensive, therapies once they become available.” [Learn more about Format 4.1.](#)



## 2020-2021 AMCP Board of Directors Announced

AMCP welcomes the following officers to serve on the 2020-2021 Board of Directors: President-elect Paul L. Jeffrey, and Directors Jessica Daw, Pat Gleason, and Carly Rodriguez. The new board members, along with those continuing service — President Marissa Schlaifer, Immediate Past President Jim Kenney, Treasurer Christina Barrington, and Directors Jim Hopsicker and Vinson Lee — will be sworn in at AMCP 2020 in Houston, April 21-24, 2020. [Read about the new board members.](#)



## CEO Cantrell Previews 2020 Priorities

**By AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, (2020 outlook story for Chain Drug Review).** As we enter 2020, AMCP retains a clear-eyed view of where managed care pharmacy has been and where it's going. Our vision of ensuring that patients can access the medications they need at a cost they can afford will guide our priorities over the next 12 months. AMCP's priorities include initiatives to address the rising costs of pharmaceuticals; advocate for smart health insurance reforms; continue the shift from free-for-service to value-based care; better integrate medical and pharmacy data to manage total costs of care; establish standards for evaluating and covering digital therapeutics; and seek legislation that will allow for the exchange of clinical and economic information on medicines moving through the FDA pipeline. Our profession of managed care pharmacy is small, relative to other pharmacy practices, but we touch the lives of nearly 300 million Americans. That's why we take these priorities seriously. Let me explain some of them in detail. [Read the full article.](#)



## AMCP Forum Seeks to Modernize Specialty Drug Benefits

Increased simplicity, broader financial risk sharing, and an enhanced focus on patient care were among the recommendations developed by diverse stakeholders at a recent [AMCP Partnership Forum](#) focused on how to better manage the high costs of specialty

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medications. Experts from across the health care spectrum gathered outside of Washington, D.C., from Dec. 10–11, 2019, to explore ways to modernize the specialty pharmacy benefit for the 21st Century. While specialty medications, including biologics and innovative gene therapies, represent about 2 percent of all prescriptions written, they account for nearly 50 percent of all drug spending. Forum attendees evaluated strengths and weakness of current specialty medicine benefit designs and examined threats and opportunities for making improvements. [Read the executive summary.](#)

## JOURNAL OF MANAGED CARE & SPECIALTY PHARMACY

### JMCP Marks 25th Anniversary in 2020

**By JMCP Editor-in-Chief Laura E. Happe, PharmD, MPH (from current JMCP issue):** The year 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy* (JMCP). To commemorate this milestone, we will be publishing a series of articles that document the changes to the journal and profession over the past 2 and a half decades. Each month we will reprint an original article from a previous year, dating back to 1995. The reprinted articles will feature topics of significance in our industry. Each reprinted article will be accompanied by a contemporary reflection that will consider the historical significance of the topic, as well as the current and future state. As January marks the first month in this series, we are featuring 2 articles from JMCP's inaugural issue published in July 1995. The first article was written by AMCP Past-President Jay Messeroff, and the second article was written by JMCP's first editor-in-chief, Louise J. Sargent. As I review the contributors to the inaugural issue, I can't help but notice many familiar names. For example, Gene Reeder was a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and is still a contributing member today. Sustained service is truly a hallmark of this organization. Read more about the 25th anniversary in the [January 2020 issue of JMCP](#).



### Members in Florida Establish Latest AMCP Affiliate

AMCP welcomes its newest affiliate organization, Florida AMCP. The organization was officially launched following an Oct. 29 gathering of Florida AMCP members at AMCP Nexus 2019. "Because of the number and presence of managed care pharmacists and professionals in our state, it was apparent that a more permanent solution to organize, educate and network was essential," the affiliate's executive leadership team said in a letter to new members. The executive team is comprised of President Shawn Barger, PharmD; President-elect Wendy Bailey, RPh, BS Pharm, MS Pharm, MBA; Secretary Angel Ballew, PharmD, MBA, BCPP; and Treasurer Gene Terkoski, PharmD. The affiliate will hold its first official business meeting and social at AMCP 2020, April 21-24 in Houston, Texas. AMCP members who live in the Sunshine State are encouraged to sign up and be a part of the affiliate organization. Members interested in supporting the first official event may reach leadership team members individually or email at [floridaamcp@gmail.com](mailto:floridaamcp@gmail.com).

### AMCP Offers Legislative Days Student Scholarship



AMCP has launched its first AMCP Legislative Days Student Scholarship. Recipients will have the opportunity to join AMCP leaders and staff in advocating for managed care pharmacy priorities in the offices of U.S. Senators and Representatives from March 30-April 1. The Legislative Days Student Scholarship includes:

- Roundtrip airfare to Washington, D.C.
- Two-night stay on Capitol Hill
- Meals and transportation
- A detailed overview of AMCP's legislative priorities and training on key issues
- Pre-scheduled meetings on Capitol Hill with your members of Congress and their staff
- Networking with AMCP legislative advocates from across the country

To apply, submit an essay of 500 words or less explaining why attending AMCP's Legislative Day is important to you, along with one letter of recommendation from a faculty member or pharmacist mentor. [Deadline to apply is Feb. 7](#). For questions, please contact Zain Madhani at [zmadhani@amcp.org](mailto:zmadhani@amcp.org).



## AMCP 2020 to Present Six Education Tracks Covering Hottest Topics

AMCP 2020 will present [six education tracks](#) offering attendees the latest information and actionable insights into our fast-paced profession. The six tracks are: The Rx for Digital Therapeutics; Keeping Up with Legislation; Research: Explore. Learn. Apply; Business Trends Defining the Future of Managed Care Pharmacy; Focus on Managed Care Pharmacy; and Value-based Care in 2020. The annual spring conference, taking place April 21-24 in Houston, Texas, will draw more than 4,000 managed care pharmacy professionals. Make sure you're among them. [Registration is now open](#).



## Best of Nexus 2019 Is Available on AMCP Learn

Members can now go online to access some of the most valuable educational sessions from AMCP Nexus 2019. AMCP Learn recently posted the 10 highest rated sessions from [AMCP Nexus 2019](#). As a benefit of your AMCP membership, you can also access the following sessions for free: [Releasing Format Version 4.1: Updates, Perspectives, and Application](#) and [Biosimilars in the U.S: Barriers, Solutions, Real-World Evidence, and the Experience of One Health System](#).





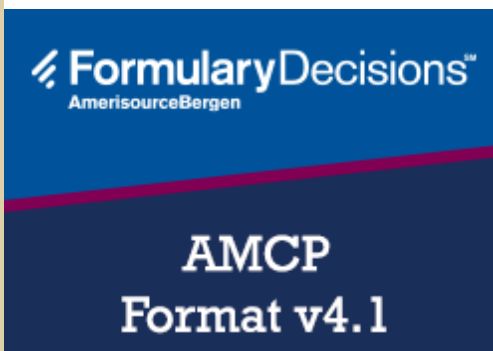
## Applications for AMCP Foundation Summer Internships Now Open

AMCP Foundation is seeking applicants for its 2020 [summer internship programs](#) with partners Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc., and Pfizer, Inc. Since 1993, nearly 200 student pharmacists have completed the programs, which offer a variety of unique managed care and association management learning opportunities. Past summer interns gained first-hand knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry, health plans, pharmacy benefit management companies, employer groups, public charities, and professional association management. For more information on the internships and to hear 2019 AMCP Foundation Interns discuss experiences within their respective programs, watch [All About AMCP Foundation Internships: An AMCP Student Pharmacist Committee Webinar](#). The deadline to apply is Jan. 17.



## Become an AMCP Market Insights Survey Panel Member

AMCP is seeking managed care pharmacy experts who work in the payer community to share their experience through the AMCP Market Insights Survey Panel program. Responses will assist health care organizations gain a deeper understanding of their product market and the payer community through double-blinded studies. Surveys are expected to take 10-15 minutes to complete, and members can opt out whenever they like. Sign up to become an [AMCP Marketing Insights Survey Panel](#) member today. For questions, email [corpopportunities@amcp.org](mailto:corpopportunities@amcp.org).



## FormularyDecisions is Ready for Format, Version 4.1 and Beyond

The AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions, Version 4.1, is here, and FormularyDecisions is ready! As the leading secure platform that already facilitates the bidirectional exchange of information between decision-makers (including MCO, PBMs, health systems, providers, government) and manufacturers, changes within Format v4.1 regarding earlier sharing of information will easily be accommodated. To learn more, visit [FormularyDecisions](#). And for both decision-maker and manufacturer information and strategies around the release of Format Version 4.1, please join the AMCP webinar: Embracing Format Version 4.1 for early, effective exchange of information with payers. [Learn more and register](#).

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