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AMCP Leaders Discuss Strategic Plan, Priorities, Foundation, JMCP, and More

Members of AMCP's current and incoming [Board of Directors](#), along with committee chairs and AMCP staff, delved into a wide range of 2020 initiatives and priorities at AMCP's winter leadership meetings, held Feb. 25-27 in Arlington, Va. The agenda included an overview [AMCP's strategic plan](#), brand and marketing initiatives, policy and advocacy focus areas, professional practice and academic affair developments, AMCP Partnership Forums, JMCP, and Foundation activities. The new Board of Directors will be sworn in at [AMCP 2020](#), April 21-24 in Houston.



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Perspectives From CEO Susan A. Cantrell

Check out Susan Cantrell's recent blog post, [AMCP Format 4.1 Includes Needed Preapproval Information](#). Writes Cantrell, "AMCP has been working hard for several years to help members be ready when drugs are approved or off-label indications emerge. The first prong of our effort was to update the popular AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions."



AMCP Seeks Member Input on CMS Proposals

AMCP is seeking member feedback on two recent CMS rules that contain provisions affecting managed care pharmacy, including pharmacy performance standards, specialty tier composition, real time benefit tools, and continued implementation of opioid management programs. Please see summaries for details: (1) [CY 2021 Advanced Notice for MA Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies – Part II](#) (due March 6); and (2) [CY 2021 and 2022 Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule](#) (due April 6). Members may provide feedback via email to advocacy@amcp.org. AMCP will hold a [webinar detailing the proposals](#) on March 23 at 2pm ET.

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Southwest AMCP Day of Education Focuses on Grassroots Advocacy

Members of [AMCP Southwest](#) gathered in Austin, Texas, on Feb. 8 for the affiliate's annual Day of Education. The event featured discussions on grassroots advocacy, finding solutions to make health care more affordable, and AMCP's efforts to advance [pharmaceutical information exchange \(PIE\)](#) legislation. The Southwest affiliate, comprised of AMCP members from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, provides opportunities for education, networking, and advocacy. AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, provided the keynote address, which highlighted federal and state initiatives to lower drug costs, and encouraged members to get active in [AMCP advocacy efforts](#).

AMCP 2020 Is Just Around The Corner



Join thousands of managed care pharmacy professionals from across the country at [AMCP 2020](#), April 21-24 in Houston! This is your chance to take in dozens of education sessions, ancillary programming, and networking opportunities:

- **AMCP 2020 [Advanced Registration Ends Soon](#):** Register before March 13 at midnight PT and save \$100 on registration fee.
- **The AMCP 2020 [Education Session Guide](#) is live.** You can start planning your schedule in Houston by reading through the session descriptions and outcomes. The guide is continually being updated.
- **Expand your [Network by Volunteering at AMCP 2020](#):** Choose from volunteer opportunities including, booth volunteers, conference buddies, education session moderators, and AMCP Foundation poster judge/mentors.
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19):** The health and safety of AMCP members, stakeholders, and employees is our top priority. AMCP is actively monitoring the unfolding and ever-changing coronavirus situation. Currently, AMCP plans to proceed with all planned events.



Nexus 2020 Call for Proposals Is Open

AMCP is now [accepting proposals for education sessions](#) at AMCP Nexus 2020, Oct. 20-23 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. All proposals must include a proposed title, needs assessment and knowledge gap information, session description, detailed program agenda, learning objectives, faculty, level of interactivity, and disclosure of financial support. Applications will be accepted through April 8.



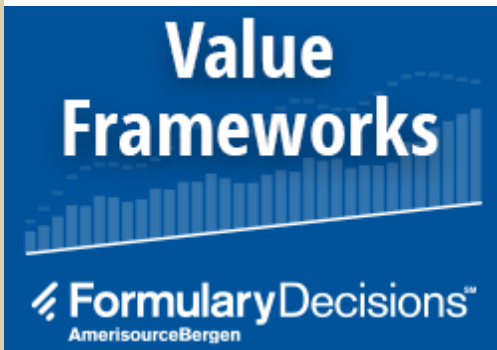
AMCP Foundation Celebrates 20th Anniversary of P&T Competition

The AMCP Foundation is proud to celebrate the 20th anniversary of hosting the Annual National Student Pharmacist [Pharmacy & Therapeutics \(P&T\) Competition](#). The competition began in 2000 with a case built on a fictional drug for the treatment and prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis. This year, 69 schools and colleges of pharmacy from across the country have registered for the P&T Competition, with lead sponsorship from Genentech. Live finals will be held Tuesday, April 21 during AMCP 2020. [Learn more about P&T's history](#).



Cantrell Meets with Student Pharmacists in North Carolina and Texas

Two [AMCP student chapters](#) held events last month that offered student pharmacists an overview of managed care pharmacy's impressive history, current practice, and potential careers paths. AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, presented on the role of managed care in society at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy on Feb. 6, and at the University of Texas School of Pharmacy on Feb. 7. Student pharmacists at both gatherings learned how managed care pharmacy professionals help improve patient outcomes and lower drug costs.



Easily Access ICER and Other Value Frameworks Via FormularyDecisions

Payers use FormularyDecisions as a central hub to access value frameworks including ICER, NCCN and ASCO for formulary reviews. Based on 2019 syndicated metrics and feedback, active payers indicated they are using ICER reports primarily as a secondary source of evidence to support their P&T process (64%, n=394) and the vast majority say that they would recommend ICER reports to their peers (90%, n=231). For easy access to these types of reports and other evidence sources, payers can register free at [FormularyDecisions.com](https://formularydecisions.com). Manufacturers can contact info@formularydecisions.com for subscription options to better understand payers' use of value frameworks and their impact on product evaluations.

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