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Abigail White, PharmD, Clinical Advisor	1	Yes	Yes	University of Pittsburgh; 2021	New York, NY	The Clinical Advisor acts as the primary clinical resource for health plan clients, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and supporting CMS audits. The role focuses on developing and managing utilization management programs, guiding formulary strategy, and analyzing clinical and financial trends to optimize outcomes. Advisors collaborate with account teams to deliver integrated solutions across Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial, and Exchange lines of business.	I completed the CVS Caremark PGY-1 Managed Care Residency program in Pittsburgh, PA. The program is a 12-month ASHP/AMCP-accredited experience that prepares pharmacists for clinical and administrative roles in a pharmacy benefit management setting. Residents gain experience in formulary management, utilization programs, clinical program development, health plan benefit design, and specialty pharmacy operations. The program includes leadership training, research, and teaching opportunities through the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, equipping graduates to lead managed care initiatives and optimize patient outcomes.	-Residency interest -Managed care roles for pharmacists
Asma Sikder, PharmD, BCPS, Health Outcomes Liaison /Axsome Therapeutics	2	Yes	No	Northeastern University 2006	East Elmhurst, NY	Provide medical support regarding our products to formulary decision makers	Input hospital residency, managed care, P&T, industry	Professionalism, communication skills
Casey Butrus, PharmD, Rph, Senior Pharmacist; Residency Program Coordinator	1	Yes	Yes	University of Pittsburgh 2020	Pittsburgh PA	Formulary Management, Policy Writing, Clinical Subject Matter Expert	PGY1 Managed Care Residency Highmark Inc. Senior pharmacist on the Clinical Pharmacy Strategies team at Highmark, Inc.; subject matter expert and dermatology, immunology, rheumatology, gastroenterology, hematology and OB/GYN. After pharmacy school graduation in 2020, was a managed care pharmacy resident at Highmark and completed the teaching and learning certificates with Duquesne University. In my current roll, complete medication reviews, formulary recommendations, policy updates, precept residents, and leading my organizations Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee meetings. Currently, the fundraising chair lead for AMCP Northeast Affiliate, and a member of AMCP's educational affairs committee (EAC).	Managed Care Residency Preparation, Managed Care / Health Plan Pharmacist, Formulary and Utilization Management

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Christopher Diehl, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, Director, Clinical Pharmacy Programs and Educational Experience	1	Yes	Yes	University at Buffalo, 2012	Rochester NY	I oversee our teams that work with our Value Based Payment Arrangements, Part D STARs quality improvement, as well as our internship and student programs	Population Health Management, Ambulatory Care, Prior residency training	Professional Development, Interview preparation, Resume/CV review, Career Pathways, Leadership Development
Cole Wenner, PharmD, MBA, 340B ACE, Pharmacy Business Specialist	1-2	Yes	Yes	Wilkes University 2024	Easton, PA	I provide financial forecasting and strategic business analysis for a large health system in PA. I work with pharma companies, GPO's, and internal stakeholders to increase revenue through pharmacy related initiatives.	I completed a medical affairs fellowship with Sanofi where I focused on medical strategy, insights, and field work. I worked as an MSL in the field for 6 months+ covering a territory while an MSL was on leave. I also went through the unaccredited and accredited managed care residency application process. As a Sanofi fellow, I also interviewed all of our fellowship program applicants.	Exploring all career paths and finding ways to stand out. Giving interview tips and tricks.
Hailey Andrew, PharmD, BCPS, Pharmacy Strategy & Policy Development Clinical Pharmacist	2	Yes	Yes	SJF Wegmans School of Pharmacy, 202	Syracuse, NY	Largely focused on formulary management. Precept students from WSoP and Albany as well as for the CDPHP Managed Care Residency Program	PGY1 Managed Care Residency; CDPHP I additionally work as an adjunct professor with Wegmans School of Pharmacy	Rotation selection, residency application process.
Hamad Juboori, Medical Value & Access Liaison at Amgen	2	Yes	Yes	Temple 2017	Philadelphia PA	My role is to improve access for Amgen products by engaging with regional payers in the Northeast. I am part of the Medical organization so I discuss the medical and economic value of Amgen products and formulary placement.	I did a managed care residency at PerformRx. I signed on as a Clinical Market Intelligence pharmacist afterwards, focusing on the drug pipeline and developing PA criteria for newly approved products. I then worked for Optum as a Sales & Retention Clinical Consultant for their client, Independence Blue Cross (IBX). My role was to engage with downstream employer groups who bought insurance with IBX, present their pharmacy utilization data, and upsell Optum programs to reduce their healthcare costs.	Navigating the residency process. Opportunities after residency. Making the leap from managed care to Industry.

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Janetta Geronian, PharmD, MBA, Associate Director, Medical Payer Strategy	1	No	Yes	University of Pittsburgh 2016	Pittsburgh, PA	Bringing seven years of managed care pharmacy expertise and three years of comprehensive field experience across AbbVie's entire drug portfolio, I am a key member of the Medical Payer Strategy (MPS) team. I drive strategic value for select AbbVie products through impactful internal cross-functional initiatives, and I lead external submissions and engagements with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Medicaid State agencies.	1. UPMC Health Plan - Pharmacy intern: 2014-2016 2. Highmark BCBS - Pharmacy resident: 2016-2017 3. Highmark BCBS - Residency Program Coordinator and Senior Pharmacist (Immunology Subject Matter Expert): 2017-2021 4. AbbVie - Medical Outcomes & Science Liaison (MOSL): 2021-2023 5. AbbVie - Senior Medical Outcomes & Science Liaison (MOSL): 2023-2024 6. AbbVie - Associate Director, Medical Payer Strategy: 2024-Now I will be the Chair of the School of Pharmacy Relations Committee in 2026; Co-Owner of Pittsburgh Pharmacy Network (PPN)	Managed care pharmacy, Industry Pharmacy, IRA, Payer Relations, Work/Life Balance, Corporate Culture, Networking, Public Speaking
Joe Cirrincione, PharmD, MBA, Health Outcomes Liaison	2	Yes	Yes	Duquesne University 2009	Pittsburgh, PA	Medical Affairs within a pharmaceutical company--I present clinical, health economic, and real-world evidence to payers across the country	I worked in retail pharmacy for close to 5 years for a large national chain dispensing medication, counseling patients, and administering vaccines. I also worked at a health plan as a client facing Pharmacy Sales Consultant for around 3 years, where I met with clients who had our pharmacy benefits and discussed plan design recommendations, trends in their prescription usage, and hot topics in pharmacy. Lastly, for the past 9 years, I've worked in the pharmaceutical industry presenting clinical, health economic, and real world evidence to payers across all lines of business.	Networking, executive presence, and understanding non-traditional roles for pharmacists
Jung Seo, PharmD, RPh, Senior Manager - US Market Access, Payer Marketing	4	Yes	Yes	UConn School of Pharmacy - May 2023	Boston, MA	Execute tactical activities and support US Market Access strategy for the portfolio	Completed a 2-year fellowship in Global Market Access with Alnylam Mentored 10+ students who have secured an industry fellowship	Highlight key interests and professional goals, steps to take to succeed post-grad

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Kassie Herbst, PharmD, Sr Director, PBM	1	Yes	No	University of Michigan, 2016	Saranac Lake, NY	Oversee Formulary, Trade Relations, Pharmacy Networks, Clinical Programs	Managed care residency trained, clinical program innovation, formulary strategy, trade relations	Formulary and/or clinical program innovation
Katherine Tieu, PharmD, Clinical Account Manager	2	Yes	Yes	University of Maryland, 2023	New York, NY	Client-facing clinical pharmacist - day to day includes building relationships with employers groups, public sector and health systems and their consultants.	Premiera BCBS Residency - Regional health plan Excited to share my current and past experiences to help students make informed decisions on their next steps in their pharmacy career.	Excited to share my current and past experiences to help students make informed decisions on their next steps in their pharmacy career.
Kathryn Makay, PharmD, Clinical Account Manager	2-3	Yes	Yes	University of Pittsburgh, 2024	Pittsburgh, PA	Serve as a clinical and strategic partner to employer group clients, supporting day-to-day pharmacy benefit administration	- Managed Care PGY-1 at Prime Therapeutics - Intern on Part D team at BluePeak Advisors (Consulting Firm)	- introduction to the concept managed care sector / managed care fundamentals / career paths - residency process - network building - transition from student to professional and general early-career professional development
Kelsey O'Neil, PharmD, BCPS, RPh, Clinical Pharmacist	1	Yes	Yes	MCPHS-Boston 2019	Boston MA	Formulary Management, Utilization Management	PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital; Experience in retail, hospital, and health plan/managed care pharmacy	Career development and opportunities

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Kinjal Shah, PharmD, MBA, Consultant, Market Access Market Insights	2-3	Yes	Yes	PCOM Georgia 2021	Philadelphia PA	market research on behalf of pharmaceutical and biotech clients to help inform their market access strategy	previous role was the same and was only there for a short time	Professional career, residency and fellowship applications, AMCP student chapter activities
Leia Roeges, PharmD, Associate Director, Managed Care Liaison	1-2	Yes	No	University of Illinois at Chicago, 2012	Chicago, Illinois	Medical affairs – share and disseminate the scientific information exchange with payers	Manage care residency at Kaiser of Washington (formerly Group Health), and 10 years at the drug intelligence team at OptumRx. Responsible for National P&T, and provided clinical direction into formulary decisions for both National formularies and special clients	My goal is to support their learning and appreciation for the industry of managed care.
Mark Lorson, Vp of Pharmacy	1	Yes	Yes	Ohio northern university	Boston/providence	Oversee pharmacy and um	Retail, hospital, transition of care, start up	Open to all
Niki Patel, Medical accounts director-Northeast	1	Yes	Yes	Rutgers, class of 2012	Robbinsville, NJ	Inform clinical formulary decision makers including payers, health systems and employers	Medical affairs Fellowship at Novo Nordisk	Industry, medical affairs
Nisha Bhide, PharmD, Senior Director, Formulary Operations	2	Yes	Yes	Rutgers University (EMSOP); 2014	East Brunswick, New Jersey	Lead formulary operations, strategy, and programs for all lines of business.	Corporate Health-System Leadership experience, PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Resident, PGY-2 Corporate Health-System Administration Resident, Executive Supply Chain and GPO Management Fellowship.	Residency prep; PBM job opportunities; etc.
Paul J. Isikwe, BA, MS, PHARMD, Medical Account Director	2	Yes	Yes	Touro College of Pharmacy (2016)	Providence, RI	Engage in peer-to-peer scientific and health economic engagements with regional payors, hcdms, specialty pharmacies, and influences within public and private payors including mcos, pbms, and idns	I'm an adjunct professor at Touro college of pharmacy whereby I created a course to introduce second professional year students to the biopharmaceutical and life science industry. I was also the first fellow for mcphs managed care, heor, and market access fellowship. I have been blessed to live a life and pursue a career whereby I created a unique story that is worth sharing	(way of thinking) Mindset

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Rahul Rajan, Pharm D, Market Access-Regional manager	2	No	Yes		Philadelphia PA	Account management, Strategy, Contracting	No	Career guidance
Ram Gupta PharmD, National Account Director, Strategic Payers	1-2	Yes	Yes	Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, 2009	Pittsburgh, PA	National Account Director, covering UHG; Also, doing a stretch assignment for a future role as chief of staff to the VP of market access.	Managed Care residency at UPMC Health Plan	Career development options; networking
Stephanie Lobosco-Navarro, PharmD, MHCDS, BCACP, Senior Vice President, Strategic Initiatives for Community Care Physicians	1-2	Yes	Yes	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston	Albany, NY	Oversee all value-based care initiatives, contracting, clinical programs, clinical partners engagement and strategy, ACO Executive, etc.	Managed care/ambulatory care residency, board certified, master's in healthcare delivery science. Worked as director of pharmacy for managed care ~10 years.	Career development, pharmacy and business pathways, value based care, innovative care models and business evaluation.
Tara Higgins, PharmD, Sr. Clinical Consultant	2	Yes	Yes	University of RI, 1996 BS, Shenandoah University, 2014 PharmD	North Kingstown, RI	As a clinical consultant for Pharmaceutical Strategies Group (PSG), I work with health plan and employer clients in providing clinical strategies and information to assist in the management of their pharmacy benefit trend and spend. I am also an internal resource for clinical support, development of clinical strategy, produce clinical focused blogs, and advise product development and enhancement.	I have worked in a number of different managed care roles throughout my career including at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of RI doing academic detailing, working with sales and marketing and formulary management, in leadership at both OptumRx and in ambulatory care, and in clinical consulting. I am a preceptor for the University of RI for our managed care APPE rotation and I enjoy working with and learning from students.	Career exploration, networking, professional development and growth

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Taylor Laffey, PharmD, Associate Director, Medical Outcomes	2	Yes	Yes	University of Pittsburgh 2022	Pittsburgh, PA	Work to improve access with payers and cross functional partners as a clinical representative for LEO Pharma portfolio.	PGY-1 residency at UPMC Health Plan Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at UPMC Health Plan - commercial formulary team, P&T coordinator Medical Outcomes and Value Liaison at Indivior	Residency prep, interview prep, application materials
Tim Mizak, PharmD, MS, MBA, Director, Clinical Product Strategy	1-2	Yes	Yes	University of Pittsburgh - 2012	Pittsburgh, PA	As Director of Clinical Product Strategy at Free Market Health—a healthcare technology company that empowers the specialty pharmacy ecosystem—I lead the development of technology-driven clinical solutions that combine clinical expertise with advanced technology and data analytics. My work focuses on designing innovative solutions that optimize patient access to specialty medications, improve outcomes, and create transparency in a complex marketplace.	Prior to my time at Free Market Health, I worked primarily in PBM and Health Plan settings. I was with Abarca Health (PBM) for 3 years, where I served as Sr Director, Drug Trend Solutions, where I designed programs and solutions to help health plan clients manage drug trend. Prior to that, I held roles at PANTHERx Rare Pharmacy (Director, Pharmacy Analytics) and Highmark Wholecare (Sr Director, Pharmacy Business Administration and Analytics). I also completed a PGY-1 Managed Care Residency with Highmark Health. Passionate about data analytics -- proficient in SQL and developing analytics-driven solutions to clinical problems.	Career path, managed care concepts, data analytics, etc.