

## **Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)**

<http://www.amcp.org/>

### **Introduction:**

The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy is a national professional society dedicated to the concept and practice of pharmaceutical care in managed health care environments. AMCP's mission is to promote the development and application of pharmaceutical care in order to ensure appropriate health care outcomes for all individuals. Its sole purpose is to represent the views and interest of managed care pharmacy. The Academy has more than 4,800 members nationally provide comprehensive coverage to over 200 million Americans served by managed care. The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy is an organization whose members share the common goal of ensuring positive health care outcomes through quality, accessible and affordable pharmaceutical care.

### **Membership rates:**

\$240 – Active pharmacist membership

### **Opportunities to get involved:**

**Call for 2007-2008 AMCP Committee Volunteers:**

[Committee Volunteer Information & Form](#)

Deadline for applications is **Monday, December 11, 2006**

### **Upcoming Meetings – 2007:**

#### **AMCP's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Showcase**

San Diego, CA

San Diego Convention Center

*April 11-14, 2007*

#### **AMCP's 2007 Educational Conference**

Boston, MA

Hynes Convention Center

*October 24-27, 2007*

## **AMCP offers free CE for members -**

<http://amcp.cecity.com/login.htm>

## **Here are some topics being offered this month:**

### **Getting it Right: Application of the HEDIS® Depression Measures to Improve Outcomes**

Organizations like the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and URAC are benchmarking how to measure quality through improved patient outcomes. NCQA's Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures are used to guide clinicians in best practices for treatment and management of patients with specific diseases, based upon relevance to practice, scientific evidence, and feasibility. This series of Sequential Learning activities is intended to assist clinicians in identifying, understanding and applying the HEDIS measures to improve outcomes for persons with depression.

It is recommended that these activities be completed in sequential order.

### **Level 100 Learning Activity: Assessing and Treating the Depressed Patient**

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### **Level 200 Learning Activity: Making HEDIS Count: Outcomes Measurements in Depression**

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### **Level 300 Learning Activity: Opportunities for Improvement - the HEDIS® Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM) Measure**

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## **Active projects:**

*Alexandria, Va., October 12, 2006* - It was announced today that the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) has initiated an assessment of current payment methodologies used by purchasers such as private health plans and the Medicare and Medicaid programs to pay for prescription drug products. "It has been clear for a long time that current payment processes are broken and have finally worn thin," said Judith Cahill, executive director of AMCP, "but there have been few viable alternatives proposed. Lawmakers and payors are searching for meaningful change to improve the process."

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