

# Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners

## MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

During this portion of the meeting each organization is provided an opportunity to provide an update on activities. We ask that organizations providing updates focus their brief discussions on activities being undertaken that advance progress in one or more of JCPP's Vision Action Plan (Patient Care Process, Pharmacy Quality, Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services, HIT, Provider Status Recognition). This discussion will serve as JCPP's process for monitoring the progression of its Action Plan. *Please bring hard-copies of this form for meeting attendees and include within the form links to material vs bringing hard copies to meeting.*

ORGANIZATION: American Pharmacists Association

- Action Plan Implementation Activity
  - Pharmacists' Patient Care Process
    - APhA continues to share the Pharmacist's Patient Care Process (PPCP) workbook and develop new materials using the PPCP as a foundation for integrating specific services into the pharmacy workflow.
  - Pharmacy Quality
    - APhA staff continue to participate in PQA workgroups and encourage involvement in PQA activities to APhA members.
  - Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services
    - The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention released a new guide on June 5<sup>th</sup> that outlines the steps for initiating and the practical elements of executing collaborative practice agreements (CPAs). "Advancing Team-Based Care through Collaborative Practice Agreements: A Resource and Implementation Guide for Adding Pharmacists to the Care Team" features a round-up of the laws governing CPAs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and includes a customizable CPA template. The resource was created through a collaboration between CDC, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), APhA, and others.
    - On Thursday, May 11th, APhA staff attended a listening session on drug pricing with HHS Secretary Price. Also in attendance was CMS Administrator Seema Verma and representatives from other national level physician, hospital, and pharmacy groups. APhA's comments highlighted APhA policy on drug pricing and APhA's efforts to advance pharmacists' provider status, pharmacists' ability to increase value and decrease patients' medication costs, and our significant concerns with turning to drug importation to decrease drug prices.
    - On Thursday, March 23, a panel of pharmacists participated in a pre-meeting session at the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX. The pharmacists' panel presentation, *Meaningful Collaboration with Pharmacists to Improve Quality and Meet Patient Needs*, was well received by the chief medical officers, chief nursing officers, and chief quality officers in the audience.

- HIT
  - APhA staff continue to seek member volunteers for HIT Collaborative workgroups and assist with workgroup activities as needed.
  - On April 5, APhA provided feedback in response to a draft of the CONNECT for Health Act of 2017. The draft amends certain titles of the Social Security Act to promote the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services. APhA's comments emphasized that the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act (S. 109 / H.R. 592) should be considered as a means to improve patient access to health care services, including pharmacist-provided telehealth and remote patient monitoring.
- Provider Status Recognition
  - APhA staff continued work with the PAPCC on efforts to pass the provider status legislation and coordinate APhA's Pharmacist's Provide Care Campaign.
  - On April 24, APhA submitted recommendations in response to CMS's Request for Information (RFI) soliciting suggestions to help it accomplish its goal of benefit flexibility, efficiency and innovation for Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D plans. APhA encouraged CMS to use any regulatory flexibility to include pharmacists in the provision of care and services in Medicare, including MA, MA-PD and Part D drug plans.
- Organization Update (other information):
  - APhA conducted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies from June 1-4, 2017, in Salt Lake City, UT. Attendance reached 425 student pharmacists, pharmacists, faculty members, state board members and addiction experts.
  - The first five modules of PharmacotherapyFirst went live in [PharmacyLibrary.com](http://PharmacyLibrary.com) during the month of May. PharmacotherapyFirst is a completely new resource focused on disease state management and patient care. Designed to teach therapeutics to the modern learner, Each disease state has three modules: Overview, Case-Based Learning, and, for institutions subscribing to PharmacyLibrary, Faculty Materials. The first five modules are: hypertension, smoking cessation, human immunodeficiency virus, inpatient hyperglycemia, and obesity. Coming later this month will be: healthcare-associated pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonia, acute kidney disease, chronic kidney disease, gestational diabetes, and contraception.
  - On May 15-16, APhA staff and member leadership visited the Canadian Pharmacists Association. The meeting agenda topics included: EMR/EHR, e-Prescribing, illegal online pharmacies, Pharmacare, U.S. sourcing drugs from Canada, pharmacy quality measures, credentialing and specialization update, pharmacy practice standards, antimicrobial stewardship, opioids, mandatory error reporting, non-medical switching, and a CE/CPD update.
  - On April 20-23rd, APhA hosted the 2017 Academies Leadership Meeting (ALM) in Alexandria, VA, and at the APhA headquarters. The meeting brought together over 50 Association leaders from the: APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhA-APPM); APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Science and Research (APhA-APRS); APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP); APhA New Practitioner Advisory Committee (APhA-NPAC); and the APhA Strategic Directions Committee (SDC). Leaders spent the weekend in strategic planning, participating in professional development sessions, networking and conducting Hill visits.