Joint Commission *of* Pharmacy Practitioners

MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

May 5, 2022

ORGANIZATION: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

- **Action Plan Implementation Activity**

  - **Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services:**
  - **COVID Response**
  - ASCP worked with the White House and ASPR to establish the Long Term Care Partners Program, which allowed long-term care pharmacies to directly order COVID-19 therapeutics from a federal allocation instead of begging state leaders for product.
  - ASCP Chief Executive Chad Worz has continued to chair weekly calls of the pharmacy organizations concerning the ongoing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, monoclonal antibody and antiviral treatments, and other timely topics for the profession during this healthcare emergency.
  - ASCP maintained weekly COVID-19 update calls through April 2022 including training on COVID-19 therapeutics and a billing Q&A. In May, ASCP transition to an every-other-week call schedule with weekly update emails.

  - **Provider Status Efforts**
  - ASCP continues to support H.R. 7213 and H.R. 2759 with action alerts for members. Additionally, ASCP has engaged CMS in the hopes of ensuing an extension to the 1135 waiver allowing pharmacists to provide and bill for administering three critical vaccinations (COVID, flu, pnem.) in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs.)

  - **DEA**
  - ASCP recently met with DEA on two topics: access to medicine-assisted addiction treatment (MAT) in long-term care and nurse agency in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs.)

  - **Project Pause**
  - ASCP is leading a working coalition of associations dedicated to CMS' antipsychotic measures in skilled nursing facilities. The *Project PAUSE "Psychoactive Appropriate Use for Safety and Effectiveness"* coalition is co-led as an ASCP/Alliance for Aging Research partnership and represents national patient and professional organizations.
  - Project PAUSE continues to meet quarterly with CMS.
  - We recently conducted a number of high-level meetings with Appropriations and Finance/Way & Means staff on the need to reform the metric following the HHS OIG report.

  - **Education**
  - ASCP intends to submit a proposal to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to provide professional development programs for recertification of board-certified pharmacists in Geriatric Pharmacy with contract to begin Jan 1, 2024, and end Dec 31, 2030.

- The Home Study edition of the "*2022 ASCP Geriatric Pharmacist Boot Camp"* is available for prep and recertification

- Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP) recertification webinars on going through 2022
    - Monoclonal Antibody Overload
    - From Pain to Depression: Ketamine in Older Adults
    - Weight Loss in the Elderly: is There a Role for Appetite Stimulants?
    - Diabetes and Beyond: Reducing Co-morbidities with Novel Antidiabetic Agents
    - Evidence-Based Vaccination Recommendations for Older Adults
    - New Infections Among Older Adults in Nursing Facilities

- ## Meetings

ASCP has a full lineup of spring/summer regional meetings across the country:

- **2022 Northeast Senior Symposium**
  April 8-9, 2022
  Newport, RI
- **2022 Midwest Regional Meeting**
  July 22-24, 2022
  Cincinnati, OH
- **2022 ASCP South-Central Regional Meeting**
  June 10-11, 2022
  Dallas, TX
- **2022 MidAtlantic Regional Meeting**
  August 5-7, 2022
  Alexandria, VA
- **2022 AME: Florida Regional Meeting**
  June 23-25, 2022
  Kissimmee, FL
- Registration for ASCP's Annual Meeting & Exhibition will open in June 2022.
  2022 Annual Meeting & Exhibition
  Expending Horizons
  Texas Hill Country
  JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa
  November 3-6, 2022

- ## Organizational Update

    - **Ongoing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) activities**
        - Currently planning summer launch of 2022 Ally Book Club which will focus on how intersectionality affects diversity and inclusion at work
            - Collaborating with NPhA on this effort
        - *The Equity Apothecary blog* has a few upcoming posts planned
        - Working on a Compendium of Clinical Best Practices for working with aging Asian patients