


Health Care Reform and You: What all Future Pharmacists Should Know







Speakers



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Agenda

- **What is health care reform and why should you care?**
- **What do we see for the future?**
- **What impact can students make?**
- **Panel Q&A**



Impact of Health Care Reform

- **What is it and why should you care?**
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Health Care Reform

- **Why is this an issue?**
 1. 47 million uninsured in US (many more underinsured)
 2. Skyrocketing costs of care for those who are insured
 3. How can we improve the quality of care (align financial incentives to promote better, not more care)
 4. Cost and quality are often perceived as complementary to each other
- **Why is it important to pharmacists?**
 - Strengthening the role of pharmacists



Key Issues for Health-System Pharmacy

Pharmacists have been included in the health care reform debate, evident in several areas:

1. Practice Model / MTM
2. Medical Home Model
3. Adequate and Well Trained Workforce



1. Practice Model / Delivery of Care

MTM grant program—would allow pharmacists across all practice settings to provide MTM

- MTM defined by the profession
- Lays groundwork for larger role (providers)

Other care delivery models/approaches:

- Independence at home provision also includes pharmacists as patient-caregivers
- CMS Innovation Center—developing and testing new delivery models also cites MTM as a goal

There appears to be an understanding that medication use while beneficial, also presents additional challenges that must be addressed



Want to Learn More?

“Redefining the Practice Model: Where Have We Been? Where Do We Go?”

**Tuesday
2 – 5:00 p.m.**

Room 3104, Lido, Level 3



#2 Medical home model

What is it?

- Emphasizes use of physician-led team of patient care providers working in an integrated, collaborative fashion with a focus on care coordination among providers to optimize health outcomes
- Physician would play central role, coordinating among various caregivers
- Key for us is the makeup of the provider team—must include pharmacists to address the medication use element of a patient’s care plan
- Payment would be bundled, divided among patient care team

ASHP advocates for pharmacist inclusion



Want to Learn More?

“The Role of the Pharmacist in the Medical Home”

David Bates, MD, MSc
Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine
Brigham and Women’s Hospital

**Monday
4:00 – 5:00 pm**

Palazzo D, Level 5



#3 Adequate and Well-Trained Workforce

- Restore PGY-2 Funding
- Loan Forgiveness



The Future?

We covered the tangibles earlier, other opportunities?

- Pay for performance, linking quality to payment
- Accountable Care Organizations—groups of providers sharing in the savings achieved through better care
- Reducing hospital readmissions

All of these are potential areas for clinical expertise of pharmacists



Learn More About Health Care Reform

“Yes We Can: Obama, Health Care Reform, and Other Issues One Year Later”

Tuesday
8 – 10:00 am

Venetian A, Level 2



Impact of Students

ASHP Policy & Legislative Affairs Advisory Group

Student letter writing campaign – PGY-2 Funding

- Yielded over 800 letters (Those are GOOD NUMBERS!)
 - ASHP students are active!
 - Future grassroots opportunities



ASHP Grassroots Action Center



www.ashp.org/government

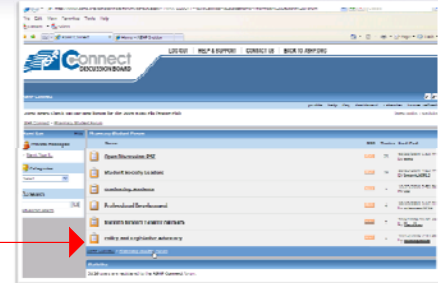


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Panel Discussion

