Substantive versus Non-Substantive Amendments

Words added are in *italics*; words deleted have a strikethrough mark.

*Examples of Substantive Amendments*

**Medication Management for Patient Assistance Programs**
To support the principle that medications provided through manufacturer patient assistance programs should be stored, packaged, labeled, dispensed, and recorded using systems that ensure the same level of safety as *prescription-based programs incorporating a pharmacist-patient relationship* in traditional medication use systems.

**Influenza Vaccination Requirements to Advance Patient Safety and Public Health**
To advocate that hospitals and health systems require health care workers with direct patient care responsibilities to receive an annual influenza vaccination except when (1) it is contraindicated, or (2) the worker has religious objections, or (3) the worker signs an informed declination; further, ....

**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit**
...To advocate that essential requirements in the program include (1) appropriate product reimbursement based on transparency of drug costs; (2) affordability for patients, including elimination of coverage gaps; (3) payment for indirect costs and practice expenses related to the provision of pharmacist services, based on a study of those costs; (4) appropriate coverage and payment for patient care services provided by pharmacists; (5) open access to the pharmacy provider of the patient's choice; and (6) formularies with sufficient flexibility to allow access to medically necessary drugs; and (7) well-publicized, unbiased resources to assist beneficiaries in enrolling in the most appropriate plan for their medication needs.

*Examples of Non-Substantive Amendments*

To *encourage* advocate that ....

To *support* encourage that ....

To *strongly* advocate that ....

To *foster* promote the role ....

To *strongly encourage* urge health policy makers ....

. . .. schools and colleges of pharmacy ....