

## March 16, 2015 CE Program

### "The Stars are Aligned for State and Federal Pharmacist Reimbursement: Why You Are the Key to Success!"

#### Speakers

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#### Learning Objectives

1. Describe the proposed legislation for reimbursement of pharmacist medication management services for Connecticut Medicaid patients.
2. Demonstrate the significance of pharmacist Medicare provider recognition status and the newly introduced bill in Congress.
3. Explain the legislative process on the state and federal level that will be required for success.
4. Identify how I can be an advocate for both state and federal legislation that will impact the future of the pharmacy profession.

#### Materials

[Presentation slides](#) which include links to websites that will allow people to access materials for both the state and federal legislation initiatives.

- For the federal legislation: There is a link to the PAPCC website (slide #22) that has great materials for the federal bill, and a link to sending your member of Congress an email (slide #29).
- For the state legislation: There is a link on how to find your state rep and senator, and members of the Human Services and Appropriations Committees (slide #30).

#### Additional Materials

[Overview of the federal provider legislation](#)

Language of the state Medicaid legislation that has been submitted (see below\*)

[Members of the Appropriations Committee](#) (focus on Legislative and Health subcommittees (slides 1 & 6)

[Members of the Human Services Committee](#)

#### \*Bill No. 6157, An Act Concerning Medicaid Therapy Management

- (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes, the Department of Social Services shall allow credentialed pharmacists to enroll as providers in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Programs, including Medicaid.
- (b) The Department of Social Services shall establish a Medication Therapy Management Program for participants in the Medical Assistance Programs, including Medicaid. For the purposes of this act, "Medication Therapy Management" is defined as a distinct service or group of services provided by a credentialed pharmacist that optimize medication safety and therapeutic outcomes for individuals. Medication Therapy Management services include: (a) medication reconciliation, (b) comprehensive medication management, and (c) medication coordination and monitoring processes across all prescribers, pharmacies, and care settings. Components of Medication Therapy Management services include: a) face-

to-face encounters; b) development of a medication action plan to promote self-management and patient empowerment; and c) team-based communication and collaboration with the participant's prescribers, care managers, and other health care providers on evidence-based medication interventions. These services are not required to be provided concurrent or in conjunction with the provision of a medication or a medical device.

- (c) The Department shall pay credentialed pharmacists for Medication Therapy Management services for Medical Assistance Program participants who are taking three or more medications to treat or prevent one or more chronic medical conditions; or for participants with medication therapy problems that resulted in, or will likely result in, significant nondrug Medical Assistance Program Costs.
- (d) The commissioner shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment not later than October 1, 2015 to enroll credentialed pharmacists pursuant to sec (a) establish a Medication Therapy Program pursuant to sec (b) and to pay for Medication Management Therapy Services pursuant to sec (c).
- (e) The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-10 of the general statutes, may implement policies and procedures to administer the provisions of this act while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.