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Membership, Programs & Services

1. Membership Diversification: The AAHCM continues to be delighted with the growth in diversity of our membership, with a current total membership around 1,300. Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants make up nearly 17% of our membership. About 64% of our membership is made up of physicians, of which 5% are Medical Directors. Remaining members include employees of home health agencies, administrators, residents and provider groups.

2. Public Policy: 2014 was the second year of the 3-year Independence at Home Demonstration, a decade-long effort of the Academy. The AAHCM also provided comments on numerous regulations including reform of the Medicare physician payment formula, meaningful use measures, audit and billing issues, and worked on new codes for transitional care, chronic care coordination and other matters.

3. Annual Scientific Meeting and Member Recognition:

The 2014 program "If Value is the Question, Home Care Medicine is the Answer" featured presentations on home care medicine for special populations, creative approaches to complex patients, measuring success in home care medicine, expert discussion seminars, and excellent networking opportunities. Winner of the Eric Baron House Call Doctor of the Year award was Dr. Thomas Lally. Winner of the Clinician of the Year award was Jeffrey Hulley, PA. Winner of the first House Call Educator of the Year award was Dr. Nami-rah Jamshed. Poster of the Year Award winners were Dr. Bruce Kinosian (Professional), Winnie Sun, BScN (Student), and Dr. Jennifer Voorhees (Trainee).

4. Newsletter: This year's bi-monthly editions of *Frontiers* have covered abstracts of the home care medicine literature and a variety of public policy, clinical and practice management topics, including a VA Perspectives column and strategic thinking columns. A weekly e-Newsletter continues to communicate the most up-to-date regulatory and practice management information to members. Back issues of *Frontiers* and the e-Newsletter are available in the member's only section of the website.

5. Medical Director Training: Through a grant, the Academy co-developed and hosted a web-based training program for Medical Directors of Home Health Agencies, which has remained active all year.

6. Medical Malpractice Insurance: Our agreement with Lockton Affinity continues, allowing medical malpractice insurance to be offered to our members.

Financial Information: 2014

Total Revenue:	\$704,286
Expenses:	
Program Services	\$598,382
Management and General	\$97,284
Fundraising	\$7,362
Payments to Affiliates	-0-
Total Expenses	\$703,028
Excess or (deficit) for the year	\$1,258
Net assets or fund balances at the end of the year	\$937,987

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AAHCM Publications & Training Materials

Home Care Medicine Services and Compendium of Federal Regulations

The Compendium builds upon the valuable foundational work done by Past-President Dr. Gresham Bayne, who developed the first Compendium at great expense and gifted the initial version to the Academy to support compliant, successful practice and the development of the “house-calls” field. This edition provides an update to Dr. Bayne’s contribution. The Compendium is intended to give you the legal and regulatory information you need to build your own compliance program through the expectations set for employees and contractors, policies and procedures, and educational programs.

\$69.95 members; 79.95 non-members (plus \$3.50 shipping)

Home Care Medicine - A Field Guide to developing successful practices and programs

Covering all aspects from building the program, design and implementation, measuring success, and growing your program, this manual will give you the guidance you need to start your program right and develop its success. Includes the first set of standards, called Guidelines, for the field of home care medicine.

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Advanced Issues in House Call Program Management:

Serving as a complement to “Making House Calls a Part of Your Practice,” this short publication is intended for those who have an established practice and are seeking to refine it somewhat, but not at the level of the Field Guide.

\$21 members, \$28 non-members (plus \$3.50 shipping)

Making Home Care Work in a Medical Practice: A Brief Guide to Reimbursement and Regulations

Covers codes and billing, domiciliary care visits, documentation for common house call codes, CPO billing, HME orders, and other issues.

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Making House Calls A Part of Your Practice

Offers practical tips for those considering adding house calls to their practice.

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Medical Directorship of Home Health Agencies

Covers topics such as the role of the medical director; rules, regulations, and standards; billing and reimbursement; Stark regulations; and includes sample contracts and forms.

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Bringing House Calls to Assisted Living & Other Group Facilities

Highlights the similarities and differences between making visits to assisted living facilities and individual homes. Introduces administrators and staff of congregate care facilities to the feasibility and benefits of arranging for home medical care services and provides an educational tool for providers who have an interest in providing service in these settings.

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Recommended Clinical Practice Guidelines

These guidelines cover the basic elements of structure and process of care typically required by accrediting organization such as JCAHO enhanced with specific sections on issues specific to home care medicine. They are offered as a guide to “best practices” as we know them, and will be updated as further information becomes available.

\$15 members, \$35 non-members (plus \$3.50 shipping)

An Approach to the Management of Pressure Ulcers: A Home Care Perspective (CD-Rom)

Produced by the AAHCM through an unrestricted grant provided by KCI, Inc.; Dr. George Taler, editor and lead author. Intended for primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses to enable the use of best practices in preventing and treating typical pressure ulcer wounds found in home care medical practice.

\$20.00 members, \$25.00 non-members (price includes shipping)

Medical Management of the Home Care Patient: Guidelines for Physicians, 4th edition (Developed with the AMA)

A broad overview of the field of home care, including medical management of patients in the home. Helps physicians identify and oversee the wide range of medical and social services available to assist patients at home. Careful utilization of appropriate services can prevent unnecessary rehospitalizations, emergency department visits and poorer than expected health outcomes.

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