

Pharmacy Conference September 23, 2014

AMCP Update

Managed Care Pharmacy – Refer to attached brochure which describes best practices used to manage formularies and provide quality, cost effective care for patients.

Controlled Substance Management for Medicare Part D– AMCP was invited to participate in a panel for Senate HELP Committee staff to hear briefings regarding controlled substance abuse and diversion. Handout attached.

Biosimilars - The Generic Pharmaceutical Association Biosimilars Network must continue to communicate the potential cost savings of biosimilars and the need for a single naming convention.

New Guidance on Hospice Medication Coverage - The new policy would only place prior authorizations on four categories of medications commonly used in hospice beneficiaries: anxiolytics, anti-nausea agents, antiemetics, and pain medications. These medications are generally covered by hospice and included in the Medicare Part A bundled payment rate.

AMCP 2014 NEXUS – will be held October 7-10 in Boston, MA.