

Committee: New York City Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists
Topic: Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
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Whereas, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) are groups of doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers, who come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to Medicare Patients, and,

Whereas, the goal of an ACO is to ensure that patients, especially the elderly and chronically ill, receive the right care at the right time, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services and preventing medical errors, and,

Whereas, pharmacists have played a substantial role in hospitals and nursing homes to decrease medical errors and decrease unnecessary expenses, especially in vulnerable patient groups, and,

Whereas, there is an increase and expansion of ACOs as a result of the Affordable Care Act in New York State, and,

Whereas, there is a shortage of clinical practice sites for pharmacy students concurrent with the emergence of a new and growing sector in healthcare, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the inclusion of pharmacists as core healthcare providers in Accountable Care Organizations in New York State. Moreover, that the council advocates that pharmacist-provided care is appropriately recognized in reimbursement models and that effectiveness research for pharmacist services is conducted.

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