

Committee: Northeastern New York Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists
Topic: Ambulatory care pharmacist employment by health-systems
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Employment of Ambulatory Care Pharmacists by Health-systems

Whereas, pharmacy school curriculum provides an adequate foundation in ambulatory care. Further, it is a core experience required of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) standards for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE), alongside community, institutional, and inpatient settings,¹ and,

Whereas, The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) also recognizes ambulatory care as a specialty and credentials pharmacists working in this space,² and,

Whereas, pharmacist integration into ambulatory care settings within health-systems in NYS is often limited, despite extensive training, qualification, and evidence of benefit,^{3,4} and,

Whereas, the expertise of ambulatory care pharmacists enables the healthcare team to identify and resolve complex medication problems,^{2,3} and,

Whereas, an aging population can increase the potential for harm to patients via polypharmacy and medical complexity, emphasizing the importance of medication experts in chronic disease management,³ and,

Whereas, several health-systems have published initiatives demonstrating that pharmacist involvement in ambulatory care settings leads to improvements in safety and efficacy of medication regimens, resulting in fewer adverse events, less emergency care, better patient outcomes, and lesser healthcare costs,^{3,4} and,

Whereas, samples of such data have shown that pharmacist involvement in diabetes care increased the number of patients achieving A1c and lipid goals, with an average reduction in direct medical costs of \$1200 to \$1872 per patient per year and an approximate 4:1 return on investment,⁴ therefore, be it,

Resolved That: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the integration of ambulatory care pharmacists into interdisciplinary teams across the healthcare continuum.

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