

## Overview of the Minnesota Medication Therapy Management Legislation

HF 139, Section 39, 369.21-371.33

To be eligible for reimbursement for services under this subdivision, a pharmacist must meet the following requirements:

1. have a valid license issued under chapter 151;
2. have graduated from an accredited college of pharmacy on or after May 1996, or completed a structured and comprehensive education program approved by the Board of Pharmacy and the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education for the provision and documentation of pharmaceutical care management services that has both clinical and didactic elements;
3. be practicing in an ambulatory care setting as part of a multidisciplinary team or have developed a structured patient care process that is offered in a semiprivate patient care area that is separate from the commercial business that also occurs in the setting; and
4. makes use of an electronic patient record system that meets state standards

Accessed at: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S0973.1&session=Is84>

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) evaluates the educational programs on a case by case basis and posts approved programs on their web site. DHS has stated that the program should be no less than 12 hours of study.

The University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy Office of Continuing Pharmacy Education has developed an ACPE approved **totally online** Pharmaceutical Care Program that meets DHS requirements. The program consists of the following three levels:



### Level 1: An Introduction to Pharmaceutical Care

This twelve hour CE program which runs over four weeks introduces the pharmacist to the patient care process, integral to medication therapy management services, known as pharmaceutical care. The program defines pharmaceutical care and provides a "big picture" understanding of its principle components, which include the assessment, care plan, and follow-up evaluation. In addition, the program discusses the practice-based data that show the impact this practice has on patient clinical outcomes, as well as the types of savings that can be achieved through the provision of these services. Lastly, the major components of a new pharmaceutical care practice and the steps required to build this type of practice are shared.



### Level 2: Learning to Practice Pharmaceutical Care

After completing the Level 1 Introduction, pharmacists move on to this forty hour CE program that prepares pharmacists to practice pharmaceutical care within a medication therapy management service. Each week, pharmacists will schedule appointments with two new patients (initially patients can be friends/family; later, patients should be selected from place of employment). Pharmacists will learn the skills and knowledge required to take responsibility for: assessing each patient's drug-related needs, developing care plans to meet these needs, and completing a follow-up evaluation to determine the patient's actual outcomes from the drug therapies. In addition to meeting with patients each week, pharmacists will learn to document the care provided to their patients. Pharmacists will also be assigned to a group and required to meet (face to face or online) three times to share their experiences and learn from other pharmacists enrolled in the program. Upon completion of the program, pharmacists will have taken care of ten patients.



### Level 3: Providing and Documenting Pharmaceutical Care

In this last level of the pharmaceutical care certificate program, pharmacists will learn how to document patients in the Assurance Pharmaceutical Care computer-based documentation system. Upon completion of the software training, pharmacists will document the ten patients they saw from Level 2, and then take care of forty additional patients and document their care as well. Once pharmacists complete documentation for fifty patients, six of the fifty (per DHS requirement) will be randomly selected, and evaluated. After the six encounters have been approved, pharmacists will receive an ACPE statement of credit for the Pharmaceutical Care program. Pharmacists can attach a copy of their three (3) statements of credit as part of the MHCP Pharmacist Enrollment Application. In order to obtain MTM provider status, submission of this application to the DHS is required.