**APMS Gaps in Diabetes Care Residency Incentive Grant Program**

**Introduction**
Health care providers, including pharmacists, often identify gaps in a patient’s care (not treating to guidelines or to best practices) and errors or omissions in the care provided (made by themselves or other practitioners). Communicating with the health care team to resolve gaps, errors, and omissions is critical to improving patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivery processes. Error reporting and aggregation is done for the prescription filling process through APMS’s PQC program, and now there is protected way for pharmacists to aggregate direct patient care related error data and look for trends. As quality metrics for pharmacist services shift from being product-focused to health outcome-focused, it is important to understand workflow and care delivery processes to optimize patient outcomes. By creating a process within a Federally Listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO), data can be aggregated, analyzed, and shared to identify common problems and solutions using quality improvement principles in a protected environment.

In 2014, the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety (APMS) PSO developed a Clinical Process Related Events Report Form (CPREF) to document gaps in clinical care the pharmacist identifies when coaching a patient with diabetes and gaps in the pharmacist patient care process. After piloting the form, it was converted to an online Clinical Process Related Events Reporting Portal, Gaps in Care - Diabetes, a tool for quality improvement when managing patients with diabetes. The data collected and the space in which the team works to close the gaps in care will be protected by working with the APMS PSO, thereby fostering a culture of quality improvement.

**Incentive Grant Program**
The APMS will award ten $1,000 grants for projects that involve pharmacist care of patients with diabetes that incorporate the GAPS portal in the project. Upon recipient notification of award, projects should be completed in six to 9 months. Grant recipients are encouraged to share their experiences with pharmacists and other providers.

**Objectives**
The APMS Incentive Grants provide seed money to pharmacists participating in the care of patients with diabetes, including but not limited to diabetes self-management education and support (coaching).

**Grant Requirements**
- Applicants must be active members of their state pharmacy association, currently licensed pharmacists actively engaged in diabetes patient care.
- Applicants must be in pharmacy residency training.
- All recipients are responsible for submitting a brief interim report, a final project report, and a final expense report to the APMS

**Use of Grant Funds**
Payment of $500 will be made upon receipt of the completed Grant Acceptance/Agreement forms and completion of all PSO required documentation. The remaining $500 will be paid after recipients demonstrate active reporting at the GAPS portal for at least six months. Expenditures for indirect costs (overhead) will not be funded.
Application Procedure
The application process requires a completed application form and project proposal. Please complete the application on the next page and submit a copy of your proposal as a PDF or word document. All application materials must be submitted by 11:59 PM PT on September 23, 2016. Project proposals should not exceed seven typewritten pages (any submission greater than 7 pages will be truncated) and should contain the following:

- Title and general project description;
- Objectives and evaluation strategy to determine if objectives are met;
- Project methods;
- Timetable for implementation and completion of project; and,
- Budget discussion that includes total costs and justification of adequate resources to conduct the project.

Review Procedures
Upon receipt, APMS staff will review submitted applications for completeness. Eligible applications will be reviewed and ranked by a grant selection committee established for this program.

Review criteria:

- Clarity of project objectives
- Project design and methods
- Adequacy of the resources available to complete the project
- Reasonableness of the budget
- Probability of completing the project

Incentive Grant Timeline

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APMS Incentive Grant Program (Diabetes) Application

Applicant Information
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Mailing address: _____________________________________________________________
Preferred phone number: _____________________________________________________________
Email address: _____________________________________________________________

Residency Director Information
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Residency location: _____________________________________________________________
Preferred phone number: _____________________________________________________________
Email address: _____________________________________________________________

Project Title: _____________________________________________________________

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