

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS  
PROPOSAL IN STP FORMAT**

**PROPOSAL F**

**PROPOSAL:** To Adopt CSHP Professional Policy on the “California Health Benefit Exchange.”

**SUBMITTED BY:** Joanne Whitney, Council on Professional Affairs

**DATE:** June 6, 2011

**SITUATION:**

1. In September 2010, as the first law passed in the United States relating to the federal statute (Patient Protection and Affordable Care), the California Health Benefit Exchange was passed into law by Assembly Bill AB 1602 and Senate Bill SB 900.
2. The law sets up an exchange where the approximately 7 million uninsured and thousands of underinsured California residents will be able to purchase affordable quality health insurance from member health plans starting in 2014.
3. To date four meetings have been held to determine the exact structure of the exchange and the methods by which the exchange providers will comply with federal quality measures that may include care coordination, chronic disease management and medication and care compliance.
4. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) by pharmacists is recognized as a key element in improving patient health and reducing the costs of health care, has been endorsed by both state and national pharmacy organizations and is compensated as professional services in many venues.
5. The inclusion of compensated MTM by pharmacists as in the services and benefits that must be provided by insurers in the Exchange ensures that federal mandates for clinical quality measures are met.

**TARGET:**

1. To support and advocate for the inclusion of MTM compensated services by pharmacists in the package of benefits provided by insurers in the California Health Benefit Exchange.

**PROPOSAL:**

1. To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on the “California Health Benefit Exchange” as follows:

The California Society of Health-System Pharmacists supports compensation for pharmacist cognitive services.

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**RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED ACTION(S)**

Financial: N/A  
EVP time: N/A  
Staff time: N/A

**CSHP BOARD ACTION:**

At its July 8-9, 2011 meeting, the board approved the proposal as amended.