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Dear Montana Pharmacist,

The Montana PharmAssist is coming! The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is offering all Montana pharmacists the opportunity to become credentialed to participate in this new program. Based upon the Wyoming PharmAssist (see website below), DPHHS developed the program framework tailored to meet the needs of our Montana residents.

The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy will offer six hours of **free** continuing education (CE) to train pharmacists intent on participating in the program. The CE is the first step to rolling out the Montana PharmAssist. The initial training session is scheduled for March 4th in Helena. Billings will be the site of the second session, currently scheduled for April 29th, with two additional presentations being planned for later in the year. Only credentialed pharmacists may provide and be paid for these cognitive services through the Montana PharmAssist.

Once our credentialed provider base is trained the program will be advertised to the public, with the intent to begin processing requests in July, 2007. Any Montana resident will be eligible to request a consultation through the PharmAssist. The Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation will review these patient applications and then coordinate a one-to-one counseling session to be performed by one of the credentialed pharmacists.

The final rules for this new program are still in work, but DPHHS is planning to utilize personal service contracts for credentialed pharmacists (not pharmacies) to get reimbursed when they provide these services.

As a profession, we must look for innovative ways to get reimbursed for our clinical skills and knowledge. The Montana PharmAssist is a start. I urge you to consider registering for one of the training sessions to be able to participate in this exciting, innovative program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Citron".

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**Montana PharmAssist Program and
The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy
PRESENT**

**MONTANA PHARMASSIST TRAINING PROGRAM
*FOR PHARMACISTS***

March 4, 2007

**AARP MONTANA OFFICE
30 West 14th St, Suite 301
Helena, MT 59601**

April 29, 2007

**HOLIDAY INN GRAND MONTANA
5500 Midland Road
Billings, MT 59101**

ABSTRACT

The Montana PharmAssist Program is a state-run program administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), which will provide Montana residents an opportunity to meet with a pharmacist for a review of their medications and health history. This workshop will train interested pharmacists to participate as reviewers for the Montana PharmAssist Program. Topics will include communication with patients and healthcare providers, an overview of common chronic diseases (cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, diabetes), an overview of diseases and issues common to geriatric patients, discussion of case examples, and development and documentation of patient care plans.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- 1) List three communication skills that improve the interpersonal relationship between the pharmacist and patient to improve pharmaceutical care outcomes.
- 2) Identify effective methods for communicating your recommendation for solving a patient-specific medication-related problem to a physician.
- 3) Given a brief patient history and medication list, identify cardiovascular-related problems and generate recommendations.
- 4) Recommend a plan for patient antihypertensive or heart failure medication regimens aimed at improving adherence and outcomes.
- 5) List at least four parameters a pharmacist can monitor for patients with diabetes.
- 6) Given a brief patient history and medication list, identify diabetes-related problems and generate recommendations.
- 7) Given a brief patient history and medication list, identify problems related to respiratory function and generate recommendations.
- 8) Recommend strategies for patient management of respiratory medications and symptom control.
- 9) Given a brief patient history and medication regimen, identify appropriate drug therapy for a geriatric patient.
- 10) Identify methods to improve efficacy, manage adverse reactions and improve adherence to a multi-drug regimen for a geriatric patient.

In addition, practitioners will work through a series of case studies to simulate clinical situations and clinical decision-making.

FACULTY:

Rose Macklin, PharmD, BCPS, Clinical Associate Professor, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Kendra Keeley, PharmD, Assistant Professor, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Gayle Cochran, PharmD, Professor, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Vince Colucci, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Professor, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Genine Thormahlen, PharmD, Drug Information Specialist, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Carla Cobb, PharmD, BCPP, Deering Clinic, Billings, MT

REGISTRATION AND COURSE FEE:

Pre-registration is required (see reverse). There is no charge for this course. Lunch will be provided.

SCHEDULE:

7:30 am	Continental breakfast: coffee and pastries	12:10-1:10 pm	Lunch
8:00-8:30 am	Program registration and pre-test	1:10-2:10 pm	Diabetes Mellitus – Rose Macklin
8:30-9:00 am	Montana PharmAssist Program	2:10-2:20 pm	Break
9:00-10:00 am	Communication Skills– Carla Cobb	2:20-3:20 pm	Geriatric Issues– Gayle Hudgins
10:00-10:10 am	Break	3:20-3:50 pm	Montana PharmAssist Q & A Session
10:10-11:10 am	Cardiovascular Diseases– Vince Colucci	3:50-4:15 pm	Closure/evaluations
11:10-12:10 am	COPD and Asthma – Kendra Keeley		



The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This program has been approved for 6.0 hours (0.6 CEU) under the assigned universal program number 035-999-07-004-L01. Successful participants must attend the entire program and complete a program evaluation form. Statements of credit will be mailed to participants who satisfy these requirements, within three weeks after the program.

Montana PharmAssist Program Training Registration Form

This continuing education program will be provided free of charge to pharmacists interested in participating in the Montana PharmAssist Program. By registering and attending the training, you will become certified to provide medication reviews for eligible patients. Please fill out the form below and fax to The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy Continuing Professional Education Programs office.

Program Attending

Helena (3/4/2007) **or** Billings (4/29/2007)

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Fax _____

Pharmacists must have a license in good standing to practice pharmacy in Montana and must maintain professional liability insurance to participate in the Montana PharmAssist Program.

Below is a list of criteria required to participate in the Montana PharmAssist Program. Please indicate that you have met the criteria by checking each box.

- I have a license in a good standing to practice pharmacy in Montana.
- I have professional liability insurance.
- I agree to provide pharmacist review services to eligible patients as outlined in the Montana PharmAssist Program materials.
- I agree to participate in the evaluation activities as outlined in the Montana PharmAssist Program materials.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above statements are true.

(Signature)

(Date)

Please fax signed form to: **ACPE Program Assistant, 406-243-4353**

Please e-mail any questions to:
pharmacy.ce@umontana.edu
or call 406-243-2453