Provider Status in Pharmacy Practice
What is it and Why do we want it?

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Learning Objectives

- Upon completion of this program, pharmacists will be able to
  - Recite the current landscape for pharmacist services
  - Distinguish the difference between a pharmacist provider and a non-provider
  - Describe current Florida laws that may help position the pharmacist as a provider
  - Debate what changes may be needed to advance and compensate pharmacist services
  - Discuss what barriers exist to achieve provider status and why it is important to overcome them.
Pre-Assessment Questions

- Different types of licensing requirements for pharmacists are the following except
  - PS
  - PU
  - NP
  - Immunization registry
  - RPT
Pre-Assessment Questions

- Pharmacist scope of practice include the following except:
  - Assessing prescription orders
  - Professional judgment
  - Administration
  - Initiate therapy
  - Diagnosis
Pre-Assessment Questions

- Pharmacists are not listed as health care practitioners in Florida laws. T or F
- Pharmacists are not listed as health care providers in the social security act T or F
Pre-Assessment Questions

- Proposed legislation in Congress if signed by President Obama will recognize pharmacists as providers primarily in medically underserved areas only
  T or F

- Number of medically underserved counties in Florida is
  - 25
  - 30
  - 45
  - 67
Pharmacy Services Today

- Defined by F.S. 465
- Administered by 64B-16
- Academic training required
- Licensure credentialing
  - PS
  - PU
  - NP
  - Immunization Registry
  - Lab Studies
  - CE
  - RPT
Pharmacy Scope of Practice

- Assessing prescription orders for problems
- Counseling patients or consulting at facilities
- Using professional judgment
- Limited administration scope
- Limited laboratory ordering and evaluation scope
- Possess Rx medications for purposes of treatment
- Compounding
Pharmacy Scope of Practice

- Communication with other health care providers regarding care
- Other pharmaceutical services
Limited Administration Scope of Practice

- Vaccines
  - Influenza
  - Pneumococcal
  - Meningitis
  - Shingles
  - Epinephrine
Pharmacy Scope of Practice

- Diagnose vs. assess
- Initiate and modify prescription drug therapy
What is a Health Care Provider? (Florida)

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER
F.S. 456.001 (4)

457  464  483
458  465  484
459  466  486
460  467  490
461  468  491
462  478
463  480
What is a Health Care Provider? (Social Security Act)

- Includes many other professions
- Does not include pharmacists
What is a Pharmacy Provider?
Florida Congressman should support and cosponsor H. R. 592 and S. 314

H.R. 592 has 63 cosponsors (Rep Alcee Hastings, Rep David Jolly, Rep Dennis Ross, Rep Patrick Murphy*)

S 314 has 6 cosponsors (none from FL)

*Changing on a daily basis
What changes are included in these bills?

- Recognize pharmacists as health care providers under the SS Act
- Provider status will be recognized in medically underserved areas
- Services by pharmacists would ordinarily be covered if provided by a physician
- Services would be covered if authorized by state law
Support the national provider status initiative but what can we do in Florida?

- Tweak 465.003 (13) – Health and wellness assessment
- Revise consultant licensure responsibilities
  - Wellness assessments
  - Clarify initiate, modify & D/C meds via protocol
  - Open opportunities to order & evaluate lab tests
- Change insurance code and Medicaid statutes to cover pharmacist services
What is the Need for Provider Status?

- 30 of 67 Florida counties include areas classified as underserved
- Pharmacists are the most accessible health profession
- Chronic diseases are the leading cause of death in this country (affects 45% of this country)
- There will be a significant physician shortage by 2020
- 56 million people lack access to primary care providers

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What is the Need for Provider Status?

- Pharmacists provide a lot of care that benefits the health care system
  - Ashville project
  - Project Impact
  - Diabetes 10 Cities Challenge
  - Florida Medicaid QRE Trial
  - Outcomes MTM
  - Mirixa

- THESE SERVICES NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED
Barriers to Provider Status

- State and private health plans cite the omission from Medicare Part B as a reason for lack of coverage or payment
- Policymakers see proposals like provider status as a cost rather than a benefit
- Opposition from other health care provider groups that have provider status

Pharmacist Provider Status:
What Pharmacists Need to Know – www.pharmacists.com
WHERE DO FEDERAL DOLLARS GO?

- Defense
- Social Security
- Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP
- Safety Net programs
- Interest on Debt
- Other

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
How do we get this done?

- Show the public what we do
- Talk about pharmacy services
- Share your story with in editorial news print
- Know your patients and get them to know you
- Get your patients to tell your story for you
How do we get this done?

- You elected your Congressman and State Legislator
- Don’t elect them and forget about them
- Be an advocate for your profession
SOMEBODY WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS!

- This is Some Body, PharmD
- He used to live in Tampa
- Everybody was waiting for Some Body to do it
- Some Body moved to Cleveland and is working as a cement truck driver.
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QUESTIONS
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