



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Health Administration
Sierra Pacific Network
VISN 21 Pharmacy Benefits Management Group
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Residency (PGY2) in Managed Care Pharmacy Systems

Applied Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes

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The Veterans Health Administration VISN 21 Pharmacy Benefits Management Group (VISN 21 PBM) announces a one-year advanced residency in Managed Care Pharmacy, Applied Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes.

Scope – Extraordinary Opportunity in a New, Expanding and Exciting Field of Outcomes

The VA Sierra Pacific Network is dedicated to serve the pharmaceutical care needs of Veterans by preparing Managed Care and Pharmacoeconomic clinicians for positions that focus on evidence based practice applied to individual, small and large populations of patients. The VISN is committed to providing an environment that promotes academic excellence, service and scholarship, encourages each resident to intellectual and personal development and fosters the development of lifelong learners committed to advancing the profession of pharmacy.

Outcomes include:

1. Possess expert knowledge and skill to provide evidenced-based, high quality and cost effective pharmaceutical care to individual, small and large populations of patients
2. Demonstrate skills characteristic of a professional (including self-evaluation)
3. Demonstrate clinical research and teaching skills
4. Design and implement clinical programs to enhance the efficacy of patient care.
5. Ensure the safety and quality of the medication-use system.
6. Provide medication and practice-related information, education, and/or training.
7. Provide VISN stations with effective benefit structures to service specific population needs.
8. Exercise leadership and practice management skills.
9. Demonstrate project development, implementation and management skills.

The VA Sierra Pacific Network (VISN 21) includes 6 VA Medical Centers in Northern Nevada, Northern California and Hawaii. Health information and medication utilization for the 240,000+ veterans in VISN 21 can be virtually analyzed by the Health Informatics Data Warehouse of the VISN 21 PBM Managers Group. This group links the 6 Medical Centers through data warehousing of patient health information. Data and Program Managers are located in Palo Alto, Martinez, CA, Sacramento, CA and Reno, NV. The VISN Pharmacy Benefits Manager is located in Reno, NV. The principle location for the resident will be Reno, NV, with opportunities to work throughout VISN 21 and with the Data Warehouse Managers and VISN 21 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists.

Collaboration with Pharmacoeconomic Pharmacists and Clinical Program Coordinators from these sites provides evidence-based care to our veteran population. Skill development will include:

- Development and implementation of Performance Measures and metrics
- Formulary management, therapeutic conversions, contract evaluations, patient panel analysis, drug use criteria and guideline development and application
- OLAP data warehouse management and SQL server training and use
- The resident may also have a longitudinal clinical practice site.

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Requirements

- Graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy with Pharm.D. degree
- Completion of first-year pharmacy practice residency or equivalent experience
- United States citizenship
- Valid Pharmacy License

Salary and Benefits

Estimated Salary is \$ 41,070/year. Benefits include health insurance, 13 days of vacation, 13 days of sick leave, 10 holidays, health/dental benefits, and paid tuition and travel to required events, office with up-to-date computer systems and paid administrative leave for conferences and educational events.

Application Deadline: January 9, 2009

For further information or to apply, send a letter of intent, curriculum vitae and at least two letters of recommendations to the address below. Application material can be sent via email to interested applicants. For further information please contact:

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