



CalOptima

PGY-1

**MANAGED
CARE PHARMACY
RESIDENCY**



Program Overview

The CalOptima PGY-1 Managed Care Pharmacy Residency provides a broad overview of managed care pharmacy practice at a **County Organized Health System (COHS)**, with **direct patient care** through a variety of **clinical services**.

Longitudinal Experiences:

- Medication Therapy Management (MTM)
- Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT)
- Clinical newsletters
- Clinical guidelines



Residency Goals

- Design and implement clinical programs to enhance quality of care
- Ensure safety and quality of medication-use systems for members
- Implement pharmacy benefits for Medicaid and Medicare members
- Strengthen leadership and project management skills
- Provide written clinical communication for members, providers and pharmacies
- Demonstrate effective patient counseling in the health plan setting
- Develop and complete a residency project for Western States Conference



Concentrated Experiences:

- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
- Coverage determination review and criteria development
- Drug monograph completion
- Drug Utilization Review (DUR)

Management Experiences:

- Medicaid and Medicare regulations review
- Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee participation
- HEDIS and Star measure focused projects
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) oversight and audit
- Policies and procedures development and maintenance
- Business proposal development

Benefits

- Competitive stipend with 10 paid holidays, 3 weeks paid time off and full health, dental and vision benefits
- Tuition reimbursement for residency-related skill development
- Western States Residency Conference
- One clinical conference





Candidate Requirements

- Candidate must be a graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree
- Candidate must be eligible for licensure in the state of California by July 1 and obtain licensure by October 31 of the current calendar year
- **Candidate must have knowledge of:**
 - Current clinical pharmacotherapeutics and disease state management
 - Principles of pharmacoeconomics
 - Managed health care principles and managed health care organizations
 - Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
 - Oral and visual presentation and marketing techniques for pharmacy programs
- **Application materials must include:**
 - Current Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter of intent, which must address:
 - » Career objectives
 - » Goals and expectations of a residency program
 - Official school of pharmacy transcript
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - All application materials must be received by the deadline
- On-site interview for selected candidates



About CalOptima



CalOptima's mission is to provide members with access to quality health care services delivered in a cost-effective and compassionate manner.

"Better. Together." is our motto, and it means that by working together, we can make things better – for our members and community. As a public agency, CalOptima was founded by the community as a County Organized Health System (COHS) that offers health insurance programs for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities. We are located in Orange County, California.

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Deadline for application materials is the first Monday in January

Applications materials must include the following:

- + Curriculum Vitae
- + Letter of Intent
- + Official pharmacy school transcript (sent directly from the school)
- + Three letters of recommendation (sent directly from the letter-writers)

Apply by mail:

CalOptima Pharmacy Management
Department

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Questions? Send us an email