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Managed Care  
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The Honorable Bill Haslam  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, 1st Floor  
600 Charlotte Ave  
Nashville, TN 37243

**RE: House Bill No. 628 – Medication Therapy Management Pilot Program in TennCare**

Dear Governor Haslam:

On behalf of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), I am writing to you in support of House Bill No. 628. AMCP believes that a pilot medication therapy management (MTM) program for patients in the TennCare program will lead to higher quality care for those patients.

AMCP is the nation's leading professional association dedicated to increasing patient access to affordable medicines, improving health outcomes and ensuring the wise use of health care dollars. Through evidence- and value-based strategies and practices, the Academy's 8,000 pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other practitioners, including members in Tennessee, manage medication therapies for the 270 million Americans served by health plans, pharmacy benefit management firms, emerging care models and government.

As you know, medication related problems are a significant public health issue and often are the source of increased costs to the health care delivery system. Pharmacists are uniquely positioned to evaluate a patient's medications to ensure they are safe, effective, and appropriate to improve patient outcomes, increase quality of life, and often lower health care costs. In fact, pharmacist directed MTM programs in other state Medicaid programs have demonstrated these successes.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, AMCP respectfully requests that you sign House Bill No. 628. If you have any questions, please contact AMCP's Director of Legislative Affairs, Reginia Benjamin, at (703) 683-8416 or [rbenjamin@amcp.org](mailto:rbenjamin@amcp.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> According to the National Conference on State Legislatures, 17 states have implemented some form of pharmacist-provided MTM into their Medicaid program. These states have realized cost savings with regards to decreased medication spending and reductions in total health expenditures. Most notably, Minnesota reported their MTM program resulted in a 31% reduction in total annual health expenditures per patient, from \$11,965 to \$8,197.