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RE: Docket No. 27-0101-1401: Comments on 27.01.01: Rules of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy;
Proposed Change to 130.04: *Drug Product Substitution: Biosimilars*

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) appreciates the Idaho's Board of Pharmacy proposed regulation to define biosimilars and interchangeability in response to the federal law changes and federal agency guidance documents. AMCP supports the proposed approach to incorporate the definition of biosimilars (§010.06) and interchangeability (§010.40) into Idaho's Board of Pharmacy Rules and also supports proposed §130.04: *Drug Product Selection: Biosimilars* to allow for automatic substitution of interchangeable biosimilars.

AMCP is a national professional association of pharmacists and other health care practitioners, with eight members in Idaho, who serve society by the application of sound medication management principles and strategies to improve health care for all. The Academy's over 7,000 members develop and provide a diversified range of clinical, educational and business management services and strategies on behalf of the more than 200 million Americans covered by a managed care pharmacy benefit.

AMCP appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and supports the Board of Pharmacy's efforts to propose regulations that promote consumer access to biosimilar agents. If you have questions regarding AMCP's position, please contact Raulo Frear, AMCP President Elect and Idaho resident at (208)395-7750 or raulofrear@omedarx.com. Alternatively, you may contact AMCP Vice President of Government Affairs, Lauren Fuller, at (703)683-8416 or lfuller@amcp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edith A. Rosato', is written in a cursive style.

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