



# The AAO Snapshot

The **Access, Affordability and Outcome: The Value of Managed Care Pharmacy** (AAO) report raises awareness of the existence, prevalence, and importance of managed care pharmacy. The health care sector touches the daily lives of millions of Americans. However, there is often confusion or a lack of understanding about why it operates the way it does. Managed care pharmacy — often working behind the scenes but having a profound impact on access to and affordability of prescription medications — is not immune to this challenge. AMCP recognizes there is a need to define and explain the fundamental concepts underpinning managed care pharmacy. This report does that and more, exploring how professionals in this field work diligently to facilitate appropriate access to prescription treatments while remaining mindful of rising costs.

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## Managed Care Key Areas of Focus

- ▶ **Pharmacy benefit design and implementation**
- ▶ **Formulary and medication utilization management**
- ▶ **Clinical programs**
- ▶ **Quality and safety program management**
- ▶ **Promoting affordability**

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## Managed Care Pharmacy Tools



**Prior Authorization**



**Drug Utilization**



**Medication Therapy Management**



**Formulary Design and Management**

Moreover, AMCP aims to produce a resource that delves deeply into the challenges facing managed care pharmacy and the opportunities it can create. Throughout the following pages, AMCP has tried to rely on the extensive and objective use of data and studies — just as our professionals do daily. The overall result is a comprehensive document that AMCP believes makes a persuasive and detailed case about the value of managed care pharmacy. In a world with a pressing need for affordable access to necessary prescription medications, millions of Americans are looking for balanced solutions. Managed care pharmacy does that, and this report shows how.

**View the full report: [AMCP.org/News-Resources](https://www.amcp.org/News-Resources)**