



News Release

California Legislation Recognizes Certified Geriatric Pharmacist Credential

The state of California has just passed legislation to authorize advanced scope of practice for pharmacists who meet two of three specified qualifications. Among the specified qualifications is the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential offered by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy. This important legislation could serve as a model for other states as pharmacists become more involved in collaborating with prescribers on complex drug therapy issues.

Alexandria, VA (PR Web) October 2, 2013 – Governor Jerry Brown of California signed legislation on October 1, 2013 to recognize advanced practice pharmacists, authorized to conduct patient assessments and participate with health care providers in evaluation and management of diseases and health conditions of patients. The Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential, offered by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy, is one of the qualifications used in recognition of advanced practice pharmacists. The full text of the legislation is available at:

<http://www.ccgp.org/content/recognition-cgp-credential>

“We are very pleased that California has taken this important step forward,” said Chris Alderman, BPharm, PhD, CGP, FSHP, BCPP, Chair of the CCGP Board of Commissioners. “It is the people of California who will benefit from greater involvement of qualified pharmacists in their health care. Older adults are at particular high risk for medication-related problems because they often have multiple medical conditions and take numerous medications. The Certified Geriatric Pharmacist is the ideal person to collaborate with other health care providers in managing their drug therapy.”

About the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy:

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP) is a nonprofit credentialing body created by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) in 1997. CCGP offers the second largest board certification program in pharmacy, with more than 2,200 Certified Geriatric Pharmacists in practice. CCGP is autonomous from ASCP, with its own governing Board of Commissioners, and is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Visit the CCGP Web site at

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