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Managed Care Pharmacy Leaders Are Honored at Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy/AMCP Foundation Awards Dinner

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DENVER, March 30, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy and AMCP Foundation honored some of managed care pharmacy's brightest leaders last night at the Annual Award Dinner. Eight awards were presented at the gala event held March 29 as part of the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.



"Every year it's a great pleasure to recognize the outstanding men and women who are setting the standard for managed care pharmacy in the 21st Century," says AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. "Not only have these individuals excelled at the highest levels in their own careers, but they have given freely of their time and talents to advance our profession and the Academy. We are grateful for their service and the inspiration they provide to help AMCP fulfill its mission of improving health care for all."

The profession's highest honor is embodied in the **AMCP Foundation's Steven G. Avey Award**, which recognizes sustained, exemplary and distinguished service. This year's recipient is **John Hopkins**, RPh, who retired in 2009 as CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) in Grand Junction, Colo. Hopkins is a Past President of AMCP and former Trustee of the AMCP Foundation. At RMHP, he helped create a managed care model that has been nationally recognized for improving health outcomes while lowering costs.

Other awards presented at the Annual Meeting are:

Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy (JMCP) Award for Excellence: The article "Patterns of Adherence to Oral Atypical Antipsychotics Among Patients Diagnosed with Schizophrenia" was published in the November 2016 issue. Authors are: Joanna P. MacEwan, PhD; Felicia M. Forma, BSc; Jason Shafrin, PhD; Ainslie Hatch, PhD; Darius N. Lakdawalla, PhD; and Jean-Pierre Lindenmayer, MD.

New Practitioner Award: Recipient **Ashley Coleman**, PharmD, is director of The Ohio State University Medication Management Program.

Preceptor Award: Recipient **Debbie Meyer**, BS Pharmacy, RPh, is director of Managed Care Pharmacy Residency Program & Managed Care Pharmacist Career Program at Humana, Inc.

Grassroots Advocacy Award: Recipient **Brian Lehman**, BS Pharmacy, RPh, is manager of pharmacy benefits and policy at the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.

Distinguished Service Award: Recipient **Timothy (Tim) Antonelli**, BS Pharmacy, RPh, is manager of clinical programs and pharmacy policy at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Individual Contribution Award: Recipient **Katherine (Kat) Wolf Khachatourian**, PharmD, is vice president of Pharmacy Services and Strategy for Qualchoice Health Plan Services, Inc.

Spirit of Volunteerism Award: Recipient **Lily Lee**, PharmD, is a regional account medical science liaison at Novartis.

Fellows of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy: **Vinson C. Lee**, PharmD, MS, FCPA, is director, Inflammation Reimbursement, Access, and Value within US Value & Access at Amgen,

Inc. **Peter Lee**, PharmD, MBA, CCHP, is vice president of clinical pharmacy services at PharmaCorr/Corizon Health.

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