



CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Journal of Managed Care (AJMC) is issuing a call for papers for a special issue on **COST SHARING**, with a tentative publication date of January 2017.

Sharing the cost of treatment between the insurer and the consumer can be beneficial, ideally promoting enhanced decision making and investment in one's own health. However, high cost sharing can also place huge burdens on already vulnerable patients in the form of financial difficulties and other barriers, and can subsequently result in decreased adherence and overall health. Plans must strike a balance in order to promote accessibility and innovations in care.

This issue will feature scholarly articles and perspectives from a range of stakeholders and researchers, with the goal of defining the practice of cost sharing and elucidating current trends, benefits, and challenges. Original research papers and informed commentary on the subject can cover the impact of cost sharing in the following areas:

- Challenges/successes
- Affordability of medical services/treatments
- Direct and indirect costs
- Barriers to accessing care
- Coverage and the coverage gap
- Effects on drug development and prescribing behavior
- Effects on adherence
- Cost sharing and specialty drugs
- Variability in requirements across health plans/insurance
- Redesign efforts and current trends
- Comparison with other payment models
- And more...

All papers will undergo the *AJMC*'s rigorous peer-review process. Due to space constraints, we request that you limit your manuscript's text to 2500 words (excluding references) and its graphic elements to a total of 3 figures and/or tables. The final decision regarding a paper's acceptance will be made by the editors.

Your paper will have its best chance for inclusion if you submit it before **August 22, 2016**. High-quality papers not selected will be considered for one of the regular monthly issues of the *AJMC*.

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