

Access & Reimbursement Manager (ARM) – Knoxville, TN – Remote

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Summary

Location: Remote – Knoxville, TN

Access and Reimbursement Manager (ARM) is a field-based role that proactively provides in person (or virtual as needed) education to defined accounts within their assigned geographies on a wide range of access and reimbursement topics and needs (see below) in support of aligned product(s) strategy.

ARM will serve as the key contact and lead for access and reimbursement support-related matters and is responsible for being the local market access expert on payer policy coverage, multi-channel acquisition pathways, billing and coding, claims processing, reimbursement, and integration of manufacturer support programs into a range of account workflows. Additionally, the ARM will continually need to demonstrate a keen ability to problem solve, analyze access and reimbursement issues and opportunities, and proactively communicate changes in the healthcare landscape.

ARM will partner closely with other Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (NPC) field associates, including Customer Engagement (Sales) and Market Access, representing NPC with the highest integrity in accordance with NPC Values and Behaviors. ARM will also be required to coordinate and communicate cross-functionally within NPC (e.g., Patient Support Center, Customer Engagement, Marketing, Market Access, Public Affairs, State & Government Affairs, Trade, Specialty Pharmacy Account Management, and other applicable third-party affiliates).

About the Role:

The Access & Reimbursement Manager, NPS (Novartis Patient Support) Cardiovascular Knoxville, TN geography. This is a remote & field-based role that covers the following, but not limited to: Knoxville, Chattanooga, Maryville, Morristown & Kingsport, TN.

Associate must reside within territory, or within a reasonable daily commuting distance of 60 miles from territory border.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Interact within assigned accounts to support patient access within their therapeutic area product(s) providing proactive face-to-face education on product-specific programs to providers and staff in order to support integration of those programs into office processes and workflows.
- Address customer questions for issues related to NPC policies on therapeutic area product ordering, payment, inventorying, and product returns & replacement in offices.
- Work with key members of therapeutic area offices (e.g., providers, administrators, billing and coding staff, claims departments, revenue cycle managers) in order to appropriately support patient access to products.
- Ability to analyze problems and offer solutions. Understand specifics and support questions associated with payer policies (e.g., utilization management, denial, and appeals), drug acquisition and inventory management, and patient / practice reimbursement (e.g., Co-pay, administration, drug claims). Analyze account reimbursement issues & opportunities (as needed). Identifies trends at a local, regional and national level and partner with purpose internally and externally to support patient pull-through.
- Supports pull through on local coverage decisions to enable meaningful patient access within the system. Proactively communicate policy changes or issues that could potentially affect other departments.
- Accountable for standing up NVS-sponsored patient support programs to enable patients starting and staying on therapy (i.e., Co-pay).
- Maintain expertise in regional and local access landscape, anticipating changes in the healthcare landscape, and act as their aligned therapeutic area product(s) reimbursement expert (as needed).
- Interface with Patient Support Center (hub) on important matters related to patient case management, including tracking cases, issue resolution, reimbursement support, and appropriate office staff education. Review patient-specific information in cases where the site has specifically requested assistance and patient health information is available in resolving any issues or coverage challenges.
- Collaborate with aligned cross-functional associates within NPC (see above) to share insights on customer needs and barriers for their aligned therapeutic area product(s) related to access and reimbursement.
- Maintain a deep understanding of NPC policies and requirements and perform all responsibilities with integrity and in a manner consistent with company guidance and prescribed Values and Behaviors. Handle Patient Identifiable Information (PII) appropriately (understand and ensure compliance with HIPPA and other privacy laws and regulations and internal Company compliance guidelines).
- Responsible for identifying and reporting adverse events via the established Novartis systems as per applicable processes.

Buy and Bill Specific

- Assess access situation within the assigned geography and develop appropriate Plan of Action (POA). Communicate POA to appropriate personnel.
- Responsible for establishing preferred acquisition pathways. Educate on and support buy-and-bill end-to-

end processes, workflows, and facility pull-through in complex accounts, including scenarios of centralized and decentralized acquisition, and use of alternative channels such as white bagging, clear bagging, brown bagging, and alternate sites of care for administration.

- Educates relevant stakeholders on logistics related to ordering, payment, inventory, and product returns & replacement.
- Analyze reimbursement issues & opportunities, anticipating changes in the healthcare landscape, and act as the designated reimbursement expert for offices and field teams.
- Accountable for engagement with non-prescribers, for example pharmacy, system leadership, financial counselors, office administrators, revenue cycle managers, etc.

What You'll Bring to the Role:

Education: Bachelor's Degree required. Advanced degree preferred.

Essential Requirements:

- Minimum three to five years' experience in public or private third-party Reimbursement arena or pharmaceutical industry in managed care, clinical support, or sales.
- Experience with specialty pharmacy products acquired through Specialty Pharmacy networks or specialty distributors (buy and bill)
- Experience with coding, billing and in office support programs
- Prior account management experience or prior experience with complex accounts (Payer landscape, high patient volume, large systems)
- Specialty pharmacy experience required (ability to teach an office the entire process from script to injection)
- Establishing relationships within a practice by working closely with them to help remove Reimbursement barriers to specialty products for their patients
- Knowledge of Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policies and processes with expertise in Medicare Parts B and D (Medical and Pharmacy Benefit design and coverage policy) a plus
- Knowledge of Managed Care, Government, and Federal payer sectors, as well as Integrated Delivery Network/Integrated Health Systems a plus
- Ability to operate as a "team player" in collaborating with multiple sales representatives, sales leadership, and internal colleagues to reach common goals
- Ability to travel and cover large multistate geography territories, at least 50% travel required, based on geography and territory / targeting make up.

- Must live within assigned territory.
- Driving is an essential function of this role, meaning it is fundamental to the purpose of this job and cannot be eliminated.
- Because driving is an essential function of the role, you must have a fully valid and unrestricted driver's license to be qualified for this role.
- The company provides reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified individuals with medical restrictions if an accommodation can be provided without eliminating the essential function of driving.
- *Superb knowledge of buy-and-bill reimbursement pathway.*
- *Experience working with established injection networks.*

Desirable Requirements

- Ability to manage multiple products
- Excellent presentation skills
- Advanced knowledge of medical insurance terminology
- Strong teamwork abilities
- Project management skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to manage expenses within allocated budgets
- Good driving record
- Ability to schedule individual work-related travel (air, hotel, rental car as needed)
- Above average computer skills: PowerPoint, Excel, Word, CRM (Salesforce.com)
- Understanding of patient privacy laws including HIPAA and similar state laws
- Strong business acumen
- Ability to travel and possess a valid driver's license to drive to assigned healthcare accounts, unless otherwise specified

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Field roles with a dedicated training period only:

The individual hired for this role will be required to successfully complete certain initial training, including home study, in eight (8) or fewer hours per day and forty (40) or fewer hours per week.

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US

Business Unit

Universal Hierarchy Node

Location

USA

State

Field, US

Site

Field Non-Sales (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U014 (FCRS = US014) Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

Alternative Location 1

Chattanooga (Tennessee), Tennessee, USA

Alternative Location 2

Knoxville (Tennessee), Tennessee, USA

Alternative Location 3

Maryville (Tennessee), Tennessee, USA

Functional Area

Sales

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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