This transition guide serves to outline the updates and new content found in *Introduction to Health Care Delivery: A Primer for Pharmacists, Sixth Edition*.

**SUMMARY**

*Introduction to Health Care Delivery: A Primer for Pharmacists, Sixth Edition* provides students with a current and comprehensive overview of the U.S. health care delivery system, including social, organizational, and economic aspects, from the perspective of the pharmacy profession. Each thoroughly updated chapter of this best-selling text includes real-world case studies, learning objectives, chapter review questions, questions for further discussion, and updated key topics and terms.

**CHAPTER PEDAGOGY:**
- Case Scenarios
- Learning Objectives
- Chapter Review Questions
- Figures/Tables/Boxes/Exhibits
- Key Topics and Terms
- References

**APPLICABLE COURSES:**
- Introduction to the US Healthcare System
- Health Care Delivery
- Introduction to Health Services
- Pharmacy Administration
- Pharmacy as a Profession
- Health Policy
- Comprehensive Health Systems
- Pharmacy Care Systems

**THE SIXTH EDITION INCLUDES UPDATED AND EXPANDED CONTENT ON:**
- Expanded section regarding pharmacist roles
- Post-graduate education/resources
- Credentialing/resources
- Affordable Care Act
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Contrasting views of health policy
- Government’s perspective on role of pharmacists (provider status)
- Examples of state health insurance programs
- Challenges of the VA system
- E-commerce, internet pharmacy, and other technologies
- Interdisciplinary models of care
- Scope of practice and related legislation
- Sources of patient information
- Health and illness behavior
- Culture, health literacy, health behavior change and motivational interviewing

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Role of quality improvement in patient safety
Drug safety
Pharmaceutical industry and drug development
Electronic prescribing and electronic health records
Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC)
Pharmacy benefit managers
Basic policy issues affecting health care
Connections between medication use systems and health care delivery models
Demographics, including compression of morbidity
Basic epidemiology, including discussions of incidence, prevalence, risk, etc.
Distribution process, e.g., wholesalers
Counterfeits and efforts to prevent occurrence
Internet pharmacy
DTC advertising
E-Commerce
Health care disparities
Examples of pharmacist roles in public health (immunizations, bioterrorism, community health clinics, etc.)
Continuous quality improvement
Measures of quality
Root cause analysis
E-prescribing
Technologies to improve safety and efficiencies
Reimbursement
Joint Commission
Multihospital systems, horizontal/vertical integration
Fellowships
Ambulatory care data
LTC statistics
New funding for community health centers
New therapies used at home
Economic principles affecting health care
The uninsured
Prescription drug plans
Difference between private pay and Medicaid
Expand discussion on HEDIS
Supply-side and demand-side controls
Consumer-driven healthcare
PBMS, pharmacy reimbursement
Details on formularies
DUR
Specialty pharmacies
Cognitive reimbursement and MTM
Transitions of Care
Formulary review for expensive biotech drugs
Health technology assessment
Pharmacoeconomic methods
Quality of life and health outcomes measurement
Health education
Developing countries
Accountable care organizations (ACOS)
Patient-centered medical homes (PCMS)
Consumer driven health care
**CHAPTER OUTLINE**

This chapter outline comparison has been created to help you easily transition to the Second Edition. Note that chapter content from the Fifth Edition may now be found in a different chapter in the Sixth Edition. Also note that chapter numbers and titles may have been updated.

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