Approved amendments
The following amendments to ACP’s Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians, and Standards for the Operation of Licensed Pharmacies were approved by ACP council on April 10, 2014.

Amendment to the Code of Ethics
Amend Principle 1 by replacing the current Section 13 with the following:

13. Do not enter into any arrangement with a patient where I provide an inducement to the patient that is conditional on the patient obtaining a drug or professional service from me.

Amendment to the Standards of Practice for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians
Amend the current Standard 1 as follows:

1. Sections 1.17 and 1.18 are renumbered as 1.21 and 1.22.

2. The following is added after Section 1.16:

2.1. In Standard 1.17 and 1.19:

(a) “inducement” means
i. a reward,
ii. a gift, including a gift of cash,
iii. a prize,
iv. a coupon,
v. points or other mechanisms in incentive or loyalty programs that can be redeemed for rewards, gifts, cash, prizes or other goods or services; and

(b) “drug product” means
i. a Schedule 1 drug,
ii. a Schedule 2 drug,
iii. a blood product, or
iv. a Schedule 3 drug that is provided under a prescription.

1.18 A regulated member must not offer or provide or be party to the offering or provision of an inducement to a patient where the inducement is offered or provided on the condition that the patient obtains:

(a) a drug product, or
(b) a professional service
from the regulated member or licensed pharmacy.
1.19 The following are not prohibited under Standard 1.18:

(a) the provision of a drug product, professional service or health care product, aid or device to a patient by a regulated member or licensed pharmacy where, in the professional opinion of the regulated member, it

i. is required for compassionate reasons based on the circumstances of the patient, and

ii. will support the health care of the patient; and

(b) the provision of a drug product, professional service or health care product, aid or device to augment drug therapy or augment a professional service provided by a regulated member.

1.20 Nothing in Standard 1.18 is intended to limit a regulated member from taking any steps required or necessary to comply with the law that governs the practice of pharmacy referred to in Standard 1.1.

Amendment to the Standards for the Operation of Licensed Pharmacies

Amend the current Standard 1 by adding the following after Section 1.2:

1.3 A licensee must not require a regulated member to engage in any activity or be party to any arrangement that will result in a contravention of Standard 1.18 of the Standards of Practice for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.