

Steve Avey is a distinguished expert in managed care and namesake of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Foundation's prestigious lifetime achievement award, the Steven G. Avey Award. AMCP renamed their award in recognition of his achievements in quality measurement programs and improving drug assessment processes in the U.S.



As Vice President of Specialty Programs at MedImpact, Steve is responsible for setting the overall business strategy in the specialty arena. For the past five years, Steve has devoted his full attention to the appropriate management of specialty medications. His passion is working with clinicians and health outcomes researchers to better understand the value each specialty medication brings to a patient population, and given their high cost, determine when and how they should be utilized. Due to the relatively small number of patients who must take a specialty medication, it leaves many opportunities for contracted pharmacies to directly influence the health status of these patients and better manage their care.

Steve began his career in retail practice, but following graduate school, managed care pharmacy became his focus. He initially started with Prospective Health, Inc. (PHI) – now RelayHealth – where he helped establish and run its data services division. In 2000, after serving as treasurer and president of AMCP, he was hired as the executive director of its foundation. In 2005, he left AMCP to become Vice President of Managed Care at Partners Rx Management. He then joined RegenceRx where he worked to assess the company's services, network rates and rebates to determine how RegenceRx could better service its health plan.

Steve holds a Master of Science Degree in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Utah.