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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****NCPDP Educational Summit, Improving the Infrastructure for Continuity of Care, Features Keynote, Steven Posnack**

Summit Line-Up Includes a Closer Look at the Expanding Role of Pharmacists, Medicare Part D Program Changes, and Updates on ePrescribing and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Attending the Educational Summit May Earn Up to 7.5 Continuing Education Credits

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – September 22, 2014 – [NCPDP](http://ncpdp.org), the not-for-profit pharmacy standards development organization, announced today the line-up for its [2014 Educational Summit](#), “Improving the Infrastructure for Continuity of Care,” which will be held November 11, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. Steven Posnack, MS, MHS, director, Office of Standards and Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, will keynote the one-day program, which takes place right before NCPDP’s Work Group Meetings, November 12-14, 2014.

Who should attend?

NCPDP’s Educational Summit content is intended for all healthcare industry stakeholders, including claims processors, electronic health record (EHR) vendors, health plans, large employer groups, manufacturers, pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), pharmacy technicians, physicians, physician assistants, and state and national associations.

Educational Summit Program

The 2014 Educational Summit kicks off with a panel discussion on the “Expanding Role of the Pharmacist” and industry standards to support evolving care delivery models. The content-rich program also includes hot topics such as Medicare Part D program changes, and updates on ePrescribing and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs).

Among those who are confirmed to present at the Summit are:

Rebecca Snead, executive vice president, National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations; **Rear Admiral Pam Schweitzer, R.Ph., Pharm. D.**, USPHS chief professional officer, pharmacy, Health and Human Services (HHS); **Shelly Spiro, R. Ph., FASCP**, executive Director, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative; **Tom Menighan, BSPHarm, MBA, ScD, FAPhA**, executive vice president and CEO, American Pharmacists Association; **Christian Tadrus, Pharm.D., R.Ph., FASCP, AE-C**, Sam’s Health Mart Pharmacies; **Jessica Goins**, senior director, trade relations, Omnicare, Inc.; **Cameron Szyclinski**, project manager, Epic; **Donna Power**, director, Medicare and industry intelligence, Catamaran Rx; **Jessica Bryne**, senior project manager, Express Scripts; **Sharon Gruttadauria**, director, industry standards, CVS/caremark; **Zoe Barry**, CEO, ZappRx; **Louis Hyman**, executive vice president, chief technology officer, eHealth Solutions, Inc.; **Melissa Kotrys**, CEO, Arizona Health-e Connection; **Tony Scheuth**, CEO & managing partner, Point-of-Care Partners, LLC; **Gretchen Morris**, president, Indiana Chapter, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators; **Joel White**, president, Horizon Government Affairs; **John W. Hill, MBA**, vice president business development, Argus Health Systems, Inc.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who attend this program will be able to earn Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credits from the ACPE through the Institute of Wellness and Education. CPE credits are provided thanks to a sponsorship from CoverMyMeds.

For more information or to register online for NCPDP's 2014 Educational Summit, visit:

<http://www.ncdp.org/Education/Educational-Summit>.

About NCPDP

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