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**NCPDP ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Conference Topics for 2013 Include Healthcare Reform, ACOs, REMS, Pharmacy Reimbursement, Healthcare and Pharmacy Operations, and Patient Safety*

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ –July 11, 2012**–The [National Council for Prescription Drug Programs \(NCPDP\)](#), a not-for-profit pharmacy standards development organization, invites pharmacy and healthcare industry thought leaders and innovators to submit [speaker abstracts](#) for the [NCPDP 2013 Annual Technology & Business Conference](#). The conference will be held May 5-9, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona. The deadline for submitting speaker abstracts is August 31, 2012.

Conference sessions are expected to cover a broad range of topics including:

- Electronic PDMPs (prescription drug monitoring programs);
- State healthcare exchanges;
- Opportunities for pharmacies in ACOs (Accountable Care Organizations);
- Updates on healthcare reform and regulations;
- ICD-10;
- Pharmacy reimbursement;
- REMS (risk evaluation & mitigation strategies); and
- Pharmacy legislation and regulatory issues.

The NCPDP Annual Conference draws 800 attendees from across the healthcare industry with the shared goals of improving the quality, cost and delivery of healthcare. Through its membership and consensus building process, NCPDP has actively and successfully led the development and adoption of ANSI-accredited standards that have transformed the pharmacy industry and improved the patient experience.

**About NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with over 1,600 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus building process. NCPDP has been named in federal legislation, including HIPAA, MMA, HITECH and Meaningful Use (MU) requirements. NCPDP members have created standards such as the Telecommunication Standard and Batch Standard, the SCRIPT Standard for e-Prescribing, the Manufacturers Rebate Standard and more to improve communication within the pharmacy industry. Our data products include dataQ®, a robust database of information on more than 76,000 pharmacies, and HC Idea®, a database of continually updated information on more than 2 million prescribers. NCPDP's RxReconn® is a legislative tracking product for real-time monitoring of pharmacy-related state and national legislative and regulatory activity. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Products, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at <http://www.ncpdp.org> or call (480) 477-1000.

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