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**Call for Presentations: NCPDP 2014 Annual Conference**

*Top Healthcare and Pharmacy Industry Conference Accepting Speaker Proposals on Topics Including Health Insurance Exchanges, ICD-10 Implementation, Drug Diversion, Prescription Drug Abuse, Updates on Healthcare Reform, CMS Regulations, and More*

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ – August 22, 2013** –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 2014 Annual Technology & Business Conference](#). The conference will be held May 4-7, 2014, at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. The deadline for submitting speaker proposals is August 30, 2013.

The annual conference is attended by representatives from across healthcare, including health plans, pharmacy benefit managers, retail and independent pharmacies, long-term care providers, healthcare consultants, technology vendors, manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, database management organizations and others.

Among the topics of interest identified by conference attendees are:

- Health Insurance Exchanges
- CMS Regulations
- Medication Therapy Management
- Drug Diversion
- Future of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP)
- ICD-10 Implementation
- ACOs (Accountable Care Organizations)
- Updates on Healthcare Reform and Regulations
- Risk, Evaluations and Mitigation Strategies (REMS)

These are a few sample topics; NCPDP encourages the submission of abstracts covering a broad range of educational, informative healthcare and pharmacy topics.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit <http://www.ncpdp.org/pdf/NCPDP%20Call%20for%20Presentations%202014%20FINAL.pdf>

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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, and HITECH. 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 HCldea®, a database of continually updated information on more than 2.3 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, Data Services, Products, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at <http://www.ncdp.org> or call (480) 477-1000.

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