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ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE ***NCPDP PRESENTS 2003 BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

SCOTTSDALE, AZ - The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) has announced the election results for the 2003 Board of Trustees. Six newly elected Trustees have assumed their roles on the governing body of this ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization. The new Trustees include five newcomers and one incumbent.

The new Board of Trustees members are **Jason R. Moore**, R.Ph., Systems Director of Support and Technology with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., **Charles R. Oltman**, MBA, Pharmacy Administrator for Target Stores, **Annette Gabel**, Executive Director of HIPAA Compliance for Medco Health, **John P. Bergan**, Vice President of Operations and Information Systems for RESTAT, **Bob Beckley**, Vice President of Strategic Pharmacy Alliances for SureScript Systems, Inc. and **Nancy J. Nemes**, QA and Standards Compliance for WebMD Corporation.

The Board of Trustees are elected by the NCPDP membership through a balloting process, which is finalized at the NCPDP Annual Conference each spring. The Board of Trustees represents each of the three membership categories for NCPDP: Producer/Provider, Payer/Processor and Vendor/General Interest.

The newly elected members join the following individuals currently serving on NCPDP's Board of Trustees: **Carol Cerney**, R.Ph., MBA, of Eckerd Corporation, **Harold E. Cohen**, R.Ph., of *Drug Topics* Magazine, **Gena Gilliam**, MBA, of aClaim, Inc., **Catherine C. Graeff**, R.Ph., MBA, of CG Associates, **Robert A. Hiatt**, PharmD, of Prescription Solutions, **John M. Lavin**, MBA, MPH, of AdvancePCS, **Stephen C. Mullenix**, R.Ph., of Medicap Pharmacies, Inc., **Kevin N. Nicholson**, R.Ph., J.D., from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and **Marjorie K. Simos** of Express Scripts, Inc.

NCPDP would like to thank outgoing Trustees: incumbent candidate **Kay Morgan** of First DataBank, **Diane Hillbrant**, R.Ph., J.D., of Strategic Healthcare Consultants, Inc. and **Margaret Weiker** of EDS. All three of these individuals have provided tremendous leadership and creative effort for our Council. Board member Patsy Napier, R.Ph., of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, passed away in February and her position on the Board will be filled by Simos.

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ABOUT NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization (SDO). With over 1350 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry, NCPDP has made great strides over the last 25 years. NCPDP has established HCldea, a new company that will create a health care identifier for individual health care prescribers. The NCPDP Provider Identification Number provides over 69,000 pharmacies with a unique identifying number for interactions with federal agencies and third party processors. NCPDP has 11 active Work Groups dedicated to the technological advancement of pharmacy through standards development. NCPDP's Telecommunication Standard Version 5.1 and Batch Standard Version 1.1 were named the official standards for pharmacy claims in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's Final Rule. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Educational Programs and NCPDP Work Group meetings, visit the NCPDP web site at www.ncpdp.org.

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