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### **NCPDP ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS**

***Recipients of Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award and Rising Star Award  
will be honored at Annual Conference.***

**Scottsdale, AZ** - The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc. (NCPDP) has announced the recipients of two (2) prestigious awards that will be presented at the Annual Conference, March 5-9, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. **Roy J. Bussewitz**, R.Ph., J.D., Vice President, Telecommunication Standards from the National Association for Chain Drug Stores is the recipient of the Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award and **James McCain**, R.Ph., Health Care Information Architect from the Department of Veteran Affairs will receive the Rising Star Award.

NCPDP President, Lee Ann C. Stember, will present both of these awards during the Annual Conference Monday General Session, on March 7, 2005 in Phoenix Civic Plaza.

"These are two of the top honors of our organization," Stember said. "Roy is a longstanding leader in the pharmacy industry and Jim is the key contact for NCPDP as we continue to grow our relationship with the VA."

The Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award was developed in 1999 and recognizes outstanding achievement, consistent dedication and exemplary leadership in regard to NCPDP and the healthcare industry. The corporate sponsor for this award is Sanofi Aventis.

The Rising Star Award recognizes the impact and immediate value for NCPDP from a new member of the organization.

Other NCPDP awards that will be presented at the Annual Conference include The Individual Member Excellence (TIME) Award as well as Work Group and Committee MVP Awards. For more information about the NCPDP Annual Conference, go to [www.ncpdp.org](http://www.ncpdp.org).

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**About NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with approximately 1400 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 and the MMA. 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 services include the NCPDP Provider Identification Number, a unique identifier of over 68,000 pharmacies and HCIda, "The Prescriber Identity Solution". For more information about NCPDP Standards, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at [www.ncpdp.org](http://www.ncpdp.org).

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