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NCPDP HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards Presented at 28th Annual Conference

SCOTTSDALE, AZ -- The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc. (NCPDP) announced and honored the recipients of organizational membership awards at the 28th Annual Conference, held March 5-9, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The 2005 recipient of the Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award was **Roy J. Bussewitz**, R.Ph., J.D., Vice President, Telecommunications Standards from National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS). Bussewitz, a member of NCPDP for over 13 years, has served as a Work Group Co-Chair and also sat on the Board of Trustees. 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 2005 recipient of The Individual Member Excellence (TIME) Award was **Margaret Weiker**, Director BES HC Product, Standards and Sales from EDS. Weiker has been a member of NCPDP for over 12 years. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees, is a Standardization Co-Chair and has chaired numerous NCPDP committees. The TIME Award was first established in 1990 and honors a member for unselfish devotion toward meeting the goals and objectives of NCPDP.

The 2005 recipient of the Rising Star Award was **James McCain**, R.Ph., Healthcare Information Architect from the Department of Veteran Affairs. The Rising Star Award was first introduced at the 2004 Annual Conference. This honor recognizes the immediate impact and activity of a new NCPDP member.

The MVP Awards were first introduced at the 2002 Annual Conference. This honor recognizes the effort, time and commitment from members for each work group and committee. The 2005 MVP Award recipients were:

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Work Group 1 Telecommunication - Damon R. Tressler
Manager, Industry Standards & Relations from Caremark, Inc.

Work Group 2 Product Identification - Thomas Ochocinski, R.Ph.
Manager, Pharmacy Marketing Systems from Walgreen, Co.

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers - Wayne P. Karp, R.Ph.
Consultant from Pharmacy Industry Consultants, LLC

Work Group 4 Provider/Member Enrollment - Todd Walbert
Group Manager, Eligibility from Walgreens Health Initiatives, Inc.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates
Garth E. Black
Director, Information Analysis from SXC Health Solutions, Inc.
Laura M. Tomes
Finance Manager -Rebate Audit & Research from Caremark, Inc.

Work Group 9 Government Programs
Karen Bone
Systems Engineer, VIPS, INC.
Lisa A. Howard
Vice President, Adjudication Services from Express Scripts, Inc.
Roger Pinsonneault, R.Ph.
Vice President, Business Development from Label Systems International

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services - Laura Topor
Training Manager from Allina Hospitals & Clinics

Work Group 11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface - Teri Byrne
Director, Product Management from RxHub, LLC

Work Group 12 Education - Legislation and Regulation - Jason D. Gottlieb
Program Director from Express Scripts, Inc.

Awards Committee - Nancy J. Nemes
Director, QA & Standards Compliance from WebMD Corporation

Bylaws Committee - Mary Jo Lynam
Manager, Pharmacy Reconciliation from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Educational Programs Committee - Bob Beckley
Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Relationships from SureScripts

Finance Committee - Robert A. Hiatt, PharmD.
Director, Claims Administration from Prescription Solutions

Strategic Planning Committee - Roger Pinsonneault, R.Ph.
Vice President, Business Development from Label Systems International

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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 HCldea, "The Prescriber Identity Solution". For more information about NCPDP Standards, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at www.ncdpd.org.

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