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# **NCPDP TO HOLD EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT ON STANDARDS IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) INTEROPERABILITY**

**Scottsdale, AZ** – The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) will hold an accredited Educational Summit titled *“The Big Picture: The Growing Role of NCPDP Standards in Achieving HIT Interoperability”*. The program will be held on August 15, 2006 at the Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A number of contributing events, such as the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, the naming of first National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in 2004, and the forming of the American Health Information Community (AHIC) in 2005, have combined to create an intense national focus on HIT interoperability and standards harmonization.

This NCPDP Educational Summit explores the role our current and developing standards play in this vital transformation of healthcare and how NCPDP will continue to leverage our interoperability with other standards, increase our standards harmonization efforts, and collaborate with other stakeholders in the healthcare industry.

Program speakers will include **Bob Beckley**, Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Relations and Product Strategy for SureScripts, **Mark Leavitt**, M.D., Ph.D., Chair of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT), **Susan Winckler**, R.Ph., Esq., Vice President for Policy and Communications and Staff Counsel for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), **David Kibbe**, M.D., M.B.A., Director of the Center for Health Information Technology for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and more.

For more information on the program, registration and venue, go online at [www.ncpdp.org/frame\\_meetings\\_ep.htm](http://www.ncpdp.org/frame_meetings_ep.htm).

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**About NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with approximately 1500 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, Data Services, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at [www.ncdp.org](http://www.ncdp.org).

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