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NCPDP TO PRESENT EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON MMA IN NOVEMBER

Program to be held in St. Louis, Missouri

Scottsdale, AZ – NCPDP will present an accredited educational program about the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) on November 6, 2007 at the Ritz Carlton hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

The program will be called, "***The Future of the Medicare Modernization Act and Part D. Understanding 2008 and Beyond.***"

As the healthcare industry approaches the end of the second year working with Part D of the MMA, we now have the opportunity to address concerns that are only now coming to the forefront such as, Coordination of Benefits (COB), National Provider Identifier (NPI), and the need for submission, tracking and processing improvements.

What impact will changes in the population have on MMA operations? How do we expect Part D to evolve with respect to formulary, plan designs, and reimbursement issues? The adoption of electronic Prescribing and increased Medication Therapy Management (MTM) opportunities will also have an impact on the industry.

Speakers who have confirmed to participate in the program include **Anne Burns**, Vice President, Professional Affairs from the American Pharmacists Association, **Jeffrey Grant**, Director, Division of Payment Systems from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, **Sharon Gruttadauria**, Manager, Managed Care Performance from CVS Pharmacy, **Robert McMahan**, Pharm.D., MBA, Medicare Pharmacy Manager from Humana, Inc., **Charlie Oltman**, MBA, National Managed Care Administrator from Target Corporation, **Carla Saxton-McSpadden**, R.Ph., Assistant Director, Policy and Advocacy from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, **Shelly Spiro**, R.Ph., FASCP, President of R. Spiro Consulting, **Terry Torgler**, R.Ph., Vice President, Account Management from Argus Health Systems, Inc. and **Kenneth Whittemore, Jr.**, R.Ph., MBA, Senior Vice President, Clinical Practice Integration from SureScripts, LLC.

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For more information about the program including lodging and registration, go online at www.ncpdp.org/meetings_ep.asp.

About NCPDP

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