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**NCPDP APPOINTS STEPHEN MULLENIX SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS**

*MULLENIX TO LEAD THE CHARGE IN BRINGING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO MEMBERS,  
GOVERNMENT AND PHARMACY INDUSTRY*

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ – September 22, 2009** – [The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs](#) (NCPDP), a not-for-profit pharmacy standards development organization, announced the recent appointment of Stephen C. Mullenix R. Ph., as its Senior Vice President of Communications and Industry Relations. Mullenix brings over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. In his new role, Mullenix will be responsible for increasing awareness of the organization at local and national levels of government, as well as with industry organizations, to continue NCPDP's aggressive transformation of the pharmacy industry by enhancing workflow efficiencies and developing standards to improve the quality and cost of healthcare.

Mullenix has been actively involved with NCPDP for over 10 years as a member of its Board of Trustees, and as Chairman and a Co-Chair of NCPDP's Standardization Committee. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and Vice President of the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation Board of Directors, amongst other professional and civic appointments. Mullenix has received the "America's 50 Most Influential Pharmacists Award" from [American Druggist Magazine](#), the "Benjamin D. Ward Award" from the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, and the "Governor's Award for Contribution to Public Health" from the State of Iowa.

"Steve will be an excellent complement to our powerhouse executive team. His focus on industry relations activities and strategic alliances will support NCPDP's leadership and

ability to bring innovative products and services to all stakeholders in the pharmacy industry and across healthcare,” stated Lee Ann Stember, President of NCPDP.

Before joining NCPDP, Mullenix was Director of Professional and Trade Relations for Covidien/Mallinckrodt Inc. Mullenix has also held executive positions at Medicap Pharmacies as its Vice President of Managed Care & Professional Services and as its Vice President of Professional & Industry Relations. He is the former Executive Vice-President of the national drug utilization review and pharmacy consulting company, Q-A, Inc., and he also served as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA) and its for-profit subsidiary, PNI, Inc. One of Mullenix’s milestone achievements was his instrumental role in the development of the very successful “Iowa Drug Utilization Review Program.”

### **About NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with about 1600 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 75,000 pharmacies, and HCldea, “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) or call (480) 477-1000.

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