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NCPDP's SVP OF INDUSTRY IT APPOINTED TO HIT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Pharmacy industry's standards development organization continues to shape healthcare reform with Executive's Appointment to Federal Advisory Committee

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – June 25, 2009 – [The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs](#)

(NCPDP), a not-for-profit pharmacy standards development organization, announced that the Department of Health and Human Services has appointed John Klimek, R.Ph., NCPDP's Senior Vice President of Industry Information Technology, to the Health Information Technology (HIT) Standards Committee, a federal advisory committee established by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The HIT Standards Committee is charged with making recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information. The first meeting of the committee was held in May 2009.

"It is gratifying to be a part of this historic collaboration to address the information technology challenges, and gaps and inconsistencies in standards and recommend industry-wide solutions that will become an integral part of achieving true healthcare reform," stated Klimek.

Klimek has been instrumental in supporting NCPDP's charge to positively affect healthcare and pharmacy standards. He joined NCPDP in 2009, after 12 years working with the organization in various capacities, including: Annual Conference Committee Member, Awards Committee Member, and Co-Chair of WG2 Product Identification. In addition to his appointment to the HIT Standards Committee, Klimek, as a former member of NCPDP's Board of Trustees and Strategic Planning Committee, participated in the early development of the Standards Charter Organization (SCO) – a historic, formal collaboration to achieve harmonization of healthcare

standards and interoperability -- through a series of summits that NCPDP facilitated with other [healthcare standards](#) development organizations. Klimek currently serves as Chair of the SCO.

Klimek is a seasoned manager of pharmacy information systems, with more than 30 years experience managing pharmacy systems and pharmacies. His expertise has proven to be an ideal complement to NCPDP's rapid growth and rising need for healthcare standards development organizations to closely coordinate initiatives with each other as well as with government agencies. As Senior Vice President, Klimek is responsible for strategic planning and leadership on NCPDP's standards framework, and communication and collaboration with external standards organizations. Klimek also oversees the implementation of strategies that will ensure a sustainable, effective computing infrastructure for NCPDP.

Lee Ann Stember, NCPDP's President, stated, "We are very pleased with the contributions John has made to our executive team. His proven expertise in pharmacy issues and management, healthcare IT, business planning and deep familiarity with NCPDP make John uniquely suited in enabling NCPDP to better position itself for future growth and drive healthcare standards to a higher level."

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 or call (480) 477-1000.

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