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NCPDP Expands its Reach into the Dental Industry

NDEDIC Signs Affiliation Agreement with NCPDP

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announced today the National Dental EDI Council (NDEDIC) has signed an affiliation agreement, marking NCPDP’s expanded reach into dental, as it continues its path of connecting, collaborating with and advancing healthcare. NDEDIC is a not-for-profit organization focused on promoting the value and increasing utilization of electronic commerce in the dental industry. NDEDIC’s members include payers, providers, vendors and clearinghouses.

Under the agreement, NCPDP will provide NDEDIC with operational support including finance, management, technical and marketing. NCPDP will also help NDEDIC develop standards and a real-time environment in dental, and assist NDEDIC in pursuing ANSI accreditation.

“This is only the beginning,” explained Lee Ann Stember, President of NCPDP. “We are compelled to guide other segments of healthcare, such as dental, to take their organizations to the next level. Our goal is to empower NDEDIC’s members to align and shape the evolution of the dental industry by applying NCPDP’s collaborative, consensus based process, and other best practices we have developed over the past 37 years.”

“NCPDP will accelerate our ability to bring standards and automation to the dental industry,” said NDEDIC Chairman, Scott Wellwood. “We now have the opportunity for NDEDIC to BE the voice of dental and to establish guidelines so that the transaction sets of the future satisfy the needs of our membership. Our members are ready to transform our industry and support allied healthcare providers in improving the coordination of patient care and health outcomes as we bring the business of dental into a real-time environment.”

Stember continued, “Our members have helped build NCPDP into a highly efficient and effective force driving positive change in healthcare. The timing is right to extend our reach and influence to improve the operations of the dental industry. We are energized by the opportunity to channel the strengths and passion of NDEDIC members and help elevate the organization into a standards development body that can share critical insights on patient risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and more with other healthcare providers.”
NDDEDIC is relocating its office from Phoenix, Arizona, to NCPDP’s headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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For video from NCPDP and NDEDIC leadership on this announcement, please visit NCPDP’s YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/ncpdp1

About NCPDP
Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with over 1,600 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, MMA, and HITECH. 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 products include dataQ®, a robust database of information on more than 76,000 pharmacies, and HCidea®, a database of continually updated information on more than 2.3 million prescribers. NCPDP’s RxReconn® is a legislative tracking product for real-time monitoring of pharmacy-related state and national legislative and regulatory activity. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Data Services, Products, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at www.ncpdp.org or call (480) 477-1000.

About NDEDIC
Serving the Dental Industry since 1991, the National Dental EDI Council (NDEDIC) is a not-for-profit organization established to advance electronic commerce in all segments of the dental industry and to unite payers, software vendors, dentists, dental practice management companies and vendors, clearinghouses, third party administrators, consultants, and others. For more information visit: http://www.ndedic.org.

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