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**AmerisourceBergen Joins NCPDP Elite Partner Program**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ – May 5, 2015** – [NCPDP](#) announced today that [AmerisourceBergen](#) has joined NCPDP’s Elite Partner Program. The program establishes a three-year commitment of strategic support for NCPDP, and is limited to a maximum of 10 Elite Partners. “AmerisourceBergen has supported our multi-stakeholder forum over 3 decades,” explained Lee Ann Stember, President of NCPDP, “and this is a wonderful continuation and expansion of its commitment to NCPDP’s work.

We can trace AmerisourceBergen back to our very first Board of Trustees in 1976; one of our board members was a founder of Bergen Brunswig, serving on NCPDP’s board to represent wholesale drug companies,” continued Stember. “Throughout the years, AmerisourceBergen has supported our work in a number of ways, including through its *Good Neighbor Pharmacy*®. It is a pleasure to welcome AmerisourceBergen into our Elite Partner Program.”

"Pharmacists are challenging themselves each day to expand the services that they deliver in order to best support patients," said Chuck Reed, Group Vice President of Pharmacy and Technology Solutions for AmerisourceBergen. "This elevated role requires pharmacists to exchange patient and clinical information with other providers which can only happen through the development of industry standards. To that end, we are thrilled to enhance our longstanding relationship with NCPDP, which goes back to day one of the organization with our Elite Partner commitment."

As an Elite Partner, AmerisourceBergen’s long-term commitment to NCPDP will provide critical support of the valuable standards development and other work of NCPDP, including its continuing evolution as the forum for healthcare business and patient safety issues; for education; new product development; and the enhancement of existing products that support NCPDP’s operations.

For information on how to participate in NCPDP’s Elite Partner Program, contact [Phillip Scott](#), Senior VP, Business Development, NCPDP.

For more information on AmerisourceBergen, visit <http://www.amerisourcebergen.com/abcnew/>.

**About NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with 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 ePrescribing, 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®, an innovative prescriber database that provides continually updated information on more than two 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](http://www.ncpdp.org) or call (480) 477-1000.

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