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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****NCPDP Welcomes Surescripts as Benefactor Sponsor**

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – April 19, 2018 – [NCPDP](#) announced today that Surescripts has signed as a Benefactor sponsor for 2018/2019 to support NCPDP’s continued growth. Surescripts has been a long-time supporter of NCPDP in leading the industry in healthcare standards and solutions for the common good.

“As a long-time member of NCPDP, we have taken a leading role in advancing healthcare by advocating on behalf of the Surescripts Network Alliance to support standards that improve outcomes through the exchange of health information,” said Tom Skelton, Chief Executive Officer of [Surescripts](#). “Through our participation in 35 committees, work groups and task groups, other leadership positions, and now as a Benefactor sponsor, we are committed to partnering with NCPDP to collectively increase patient safety, lower costs and ensure quality care.”

“We are pleased to welcome Surescripts as a Benefactor Sponsor,” explained Lee Ann Stember, President and CEO of NCPDP. “Surescripts has supported its employees’ active involvement in our problem-solving forums and has leveraged NCPDP standards as an integral part of its core businesses. We look forward to continuing our long-term relationship.”

As a Benefactor sponsor, Surescripts will have a preferential opportunity to become an NCPDP Elite Partner, if one of the partnerships becomes available. The Elite Partner Program is limited to five organizations that demonstrate long-term strategic alignment with NCPDP through a 3-year agreement for sustained financial support.

About NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with more than 1,500 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 80,000 pharmacies, resQ™, an industry pharmacy credentialing resource, and HCIda®, an innovative prescriber database that provides continually updated information on more than 2.5 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 <http://www.ncdpd.org> or call 480.477.1000.

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