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Alliance for Patient Medication Safety Receives Funding from Pfizer for Adherence Discovery Projects

RICHMOND, Va., October 13, 2010 – The Alliance for Patient Medication Safety (APMS), a supporting organization of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), has been awarded funding by Pfizer to seek projects that identify ways in which pharmacists can assist patients improve adherence. This activity is intended to produce measurable, replicable and sustainable programs in community pharmacy to improve adherence or methods to identify non-adherent patients.

"There are many stakeholders in the effort to improve medication adherence and everyone in the health care system has a role to play. Patients are non-adherent to medications for a variety of reasons, and need to be educated," said Tara Modisett, executive director of the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety. "As the medication experts, pharmacists should lead the way to ensuring optimal medication use."

The Adherence Discovery Projects are designed to be conducted over a six-month period, and must demonstrate an intervention targeted to improve adherence and/or identify non-adherent patients. In addition, proposals for projects that incorporate Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) adherence measures are encouraged. After completion, projects, and methodology and results will be shared with each of the state pharmacy associations and their members.

"As part of Pfizer's dedication to improving patient care and quality of life through improving adherence, we are pleased to support the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety Adherence Discovery Projects," said David Searle, R.Ph., director Pharmacy Development at Pfizer. "We believe a critical component for community pharmacists is discovering and sharing interventions that will improve adherence."

For more information, visit www.naspa.us/documents/grants/NASPAAdherenceDiscoveryProjectProcess.pdf.

The **Alliance for Patient Medication Safety (APMS)** strives to foster a culture of quality within the profession of pharmacy that promotes a continuous systems analysis to develop best practices that will reduce medication errors, improve medication use and enhance patient care. APMS is a supporting organization of NASPA. To learn more go to www.medicationsafety.org.

The **National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA)** promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among state pharmacy associations and pharmacy leaders nationwide, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA). For more information, please visit www.naspa.us.

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