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**Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. Teams Up with MemberHealth, Inc. to Provide Pharmacy Services Around the 2006 Medicare Prescription Drug Program**

ST. LOUIS, November 21, 2005 – Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. (MSI), a Cardinal Health Company (NYSE: CAH) and the largest franchisor of independent community pharmacies, has established a relationship with MemberHealth, Inc. to provide pharmacy services to Medicare Part D eligible beneficiaries across the nation. MSI also will provide Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services for MemberHealth, Inc. through its Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® Stores using a web based MTM secure messaging platform provided by Community MTM Services LLC, a subsidiary of the National Community Pharmacists Association

MemberHealth, Inc.'s Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup>, offers eligible seniors and disabled individuals extensive prescription drug coverage at their local pharmacies. The Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> program provides Medicare beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase a 90-day supply of medications at retail pharmacy, as opposed to mail, which is a unique offering among the ten national providers that are approved today to offer Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. The plan also promotes the pharmacist's role in providing MTM services to eligible beneficiaries, and offers coverage in the United States, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

“Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> understands the value of the pharmacist and customer relationship and the important role community pharmacists play in improving the quality of health care in America,” said Terry Burnside, president of Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. “Customers that spend time with their pharmacist benefit from the counseling and MTM they receive and the relationship they develop.”

The 2006 Medicare Prescription Drug Program will provide prescription drug coverage under Medicare. The coverage will help seniors and disabled individuals pay for the prescriptions they need, bringing affordable drug coverage and improved health care to millions of Americans.

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As of November 15, seniors and disabled individuals began enrolling for the 2006 Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Enrolled beneficiaries can start receiving significant discounts on their prescription drugs on January 1, 2006.

There are several Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available with the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacists and Medicap Pharmacy® Pharmacists are available to provide answers and information to help customers select a plan that meets their needs. Pharmacy locators can be found on both [www.medicineshoppe.com](http://www.medicineshoppe.com) and [www.medicap.com](http://www.medicap.com). Information also can be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling the Medicare information line at 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

MemberHealth, Inc. offers a portfolio of Medicare Part D products attractive to diverse segments of the Medicare population through Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup>. The formulary for Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> plans exceeds the recommended USP guidelines and covers over 146 therapeutic drug classes. Monthly premiums for the three plans range from \$26.25 to \$45.23 and have deductibles of either \$100 or \$250. Additional information on Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> plans can be found at [www.communitycarerx.com](http://www.communitycarerx.com) or by calling 1-866-684-5353 Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. EST.

“We are proud of the Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> program and the value it brings to beneficiaries and the pharmacy community,” said Charles Hallberg, president and CEO of MemberHealth, Inc. “In addition to our plans convenience and savings options, we are happy to offer Medication Therapy Management services through beneficiaries’ trusted pharmacists in a face-to-face encounter.”

### **About Medicine Shoppe International, Inc.**

Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. ([www.medicineshoppe.com](http://www.medicineshoppe.com)), a Cardinal Health Company, is the largest franchisor of independent community pharmacies in the U.S. In 2003, Medicine Shoppe International acquired Medicap Pharmacies Incorporated ([www.medicap.com](http://www.medicap.com)), which franchises independent community pharmacies in the U.S. under the trade name Medicap Pharmacy®. Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® locations are distinguished for their commitment to providing expert, personalized health care. There are more than 1,000 domestic Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® locations and more than 300 pharmacies in six other countries.

### **About MemberHealth, Inc.**

**MemberHealth, Inc.** is an innovative and rapidly growing Pharmacy Benefits Manager located in Cleveland, OH. MemberHealth, Inc. is dedicated to realigning interests within the delivery and distribution of pharmaceutical care by reinvigorating the personal interrelationships among the patient, provider, and the pharmacist. Education and outreach activity will primarily occur at local pharmacies. MemberHealth, Inc. anticipates that more than half of its participating network providers will support Community Care Rx<sup>SM</sup> enrollment services.

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