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## from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

### ASCP TO EDUCATE MEDICINE SHOPPE AND MEDICAP PHARMACY PHARMACISTS ON LONG-TERM CARE PHARMACY SERVICES

(Alexandria, Va.—May 23, 2007) The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) will develop and execute the Certificate Program – Introduction to Long-Term Care Pharmacy Services – for Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® pharmacists. This program is for pharmacists interested in learning how to provide medication services to long-term care facilities ranging from nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and board and care homes, to senior retirement communities and hospice.

This program will impart the clinical and business considerations in providing medication services to seniors including medication-related problems that are more likely to occur in the senior population, appropriate medication delivery and storage systems for seniors, and preventing medication errors in long-term care settings.

“We are very pleased to provide Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® pharmacists with this accredited Certificate Program in Long-Term Care Pharmacy Services,” stated John Feather, ASCP executive director and CEO. “A key component of the ASCP mission is to enhance the quality of care and life for older individuals. Sharing our expertise with the Medicine Shoppe and Medicap Pharmacy pharmacists expands our reach.”

“ASCP was the obvious source for Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® pharmacists to turn to for education in long-term care pharmacy services. The society’s long-standing reputation as the leader in long-term care practice and geriatric pharmacotherapy is unparalleled,” said Keith Cook, vice president, pharmacy solutions for Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. “Our pharmacists are well-suited for meeting the needs of long-term care facilities, as they are known for spending time with customers providing personalized health counsel.”

The program will be accredited by ASCP as a Certificate Program in accordance with the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Criteria for Quality and the Standards and Quality Assurance Procedures for ACPE-Accredited Providers of Continuing Pharmacy Education Offering Certificate Program in Pharmacy.

Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. <<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 <<http://www.medicap.com>>, which franchises independent community pharmacies in the U.S. under the trade name Medicap Pharmacy®. Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® locations are distinguished for their commitment to providing expert, personalized health care. There are more than 900 domestic Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® locations and more than 400 pharmacies in six other countries.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the recognized expert in geriatric pharmacotherapy, is the international professional association that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of consultant and senior care pharmacy. ASCP's 8,000 members manage and improve drug therapy and improve the quality of life of geriatric patients and other individuals residing in a variety of environments, including nursing facilities, subacute care and assisted living facilities, psychiatric hospitals, hospice programs, and in-home and community-based care. Visit ASCP's Web site <<http://www.ascp.com>>.

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