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MEDICINE SHOPPE INTERNATIONAL, INC. NAMES KEITH COOK VICE PRESIDENT OF PHARMACY SOLUTIONS

ST. LOUIS, December 27, 2006 – Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. (MSI), a Cardinal Health company (NYSE:CAH) and the leading national franchisor of independent retail pharmacies, recently named Keith Cook vice president of pharmacy solutions for MSI. Cook, also a pharmacist, is now working with primary vendors to develop relationships that maximize services, support and cost savings for Medicine Shoppe® and Medicap Pharmacy® franchisees. He will manage programs and services that offer new or specialized areas of healthcare for pharmacy customers and also differentiate franchisees from their competitors. In particular, he will oversee the consumer health business at MSI and manage compliance and persistency, preferred vendor and affinity services programs as well as the implementation and roll out of the Corner Care Clinics and Specialized Care Centers (Long Term Care, Diabetes, Specialty Pharmacy, and Compounding).

Prior to coming to MSI, Cook was director of managed care for Wal-Mart®, where he was responsible for the company's specialty pharmacy, pharmacy benefits manager business and compliance and persistency programs. During his tenure at Wal-Mart, Cook was a pharmacy operations coordinator and an over-the-counter product buyer for Sam's Club®.

"Keith has a proven track record of success in the area of pharmacy operations and solutions," said Terry Burnside, president of MSI. "He will fill an important role as he works to build primary vendor relationships that grow services, save franchisees money and improve the level of care customers receive."

Cook graduated with a pharmacy degree from the University of Kansas. He and his family are relocating to St. Louis from Bentonville, Ark.

About Medicine Shoppe International, Inc.

Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. 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, which franchises independent community pharmacies in the U.S. under the trade name Medicap Pharmacy®. Medicine Shoppe(R) and Medicap Pharmacy(R) locations are distinguished for their commitment to providing expert, personalized health care. There are nearly 1,000 domestic Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® locations and more than 400 pharmacies in six other countries.

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