



PQS Names Vice President for Professional Relations

Springfield, VA, Oct 28, 2013 - Pharmacy Quality Solutions, Inc. (PQS), announced the hiring of Elliott M. Sogol, PhD, RPh, FAPhA to fill the newly created position of Vice President for Professional Relations. As PQS continues to work collaboratively with health plans, PBMs, and pharmacies, PQS tapped Sogol who has over three decades experience and a proven track record in the community pharmacy practice environment, the pharmaceutical industry, and academia. In this new role, Sogol will support community pharmacy engagement with EQuIPP™, the first national platform for pharmacy quality measurement, benchmarking, and feedback that enables pharmacies and insurance plans to monitor key quality indicators.

In 2014, over 70% of Medicare Part D plans will have a preferred network of pharmacies. It is expected that many of these plans will eventually require that their preferred pharmacies meet minimum thresholds of performance on Medicare Part D Star Ratings. As “quality” becomes an increasingly important criterion for inclusion in a preferred network, all pharmacies will need to scrutinize their own performance on quality measures to ensure they are well-positioned for inclusion in the preferred networks. EQuIPP™ helps pharmacies track their performance on quality measures used by Medicare and prescription drug plans.

“We are excited to have Elliott join our team as we continue to support the pharmacy profession’s continued evolution within the value-driven health care marketplace” said PQS President David Nau, PhD, RPh, FAPhA. “The quality of pharmacy services is being evaluated by payers and consumers, and it will be important for pharmacies to learn how to track their performance on quality measures and continually improve their services. We are pleased that Elliott will be supporting our colleagues in community pharmacy practice as they strive for excellence.”

To learn more about EQuIPP™ please visit www.EQuIPP.org

About Pharmacy Quality Solutions and EQuIPP™

Pharmacy Quality Solutions (PQS) is a joint venture of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance and CECity. It’s primary service, EQuIPP™, is a performance information management platform that makes unbiased performance data available to health plans and community pharmacy organizations. EQuIPP™ brings standardization to the measurement of the quality of medication use and makes this information accessible and easy to understand.