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## **Mark D. Peters II, Pharm.D. on Behalf of Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership To Receive Community Service Leader Award**

### *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association Announces 2007 Awardees*

Lawrenceville, NJ – February 19, 2007 – Patricia A. Costante, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association, today announced that Mark D. Peters II, Pharm.D. will receive the Community Service Leader Award on behalf of the Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership (HCMAP). The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards™ ceremony on May 9, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

The Community Service Leader Award is presented annually to an organization that demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey. HCMAP connects individuals with the prescription medications they need. Since January 1, 2006, HCMAP has provided over \$500,000 of free medicine to hundreds of Hunterdon County residents in need.

Mark Peters' inspiration for the formation of HCMAP arose from the compassion he experienced from his community at a young age. Dr. Peters recognized early in his life the important role prescription medicine plays in maintaining and improving health, when his local pharmacy provided prescription medicine assistance to help his mother's fight with cancer. Dr. Peters is employed by Bristol-Myers Squibb as the Director of Strategic Alliances and Healthcare Quality for Plavix Marketing.

"Mark Peters is an extraordinary example of a leader who saw a need in his community and was willing to find a way to provide a solution," said Costante. "Not only has he assisted members of his own community, but he has also created a model program for healthcare access for New Jersey and the nation."

The other 2007 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Arnold P. Gold, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Patricia Whitley-Williams, M.D. and Robert L. Trelstad, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: Audrey R. Gotsch, Dr.P.H., CHES, dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health; and Joanne M. Conroy, M.D., Executive Vice President of Atlantic Health System and Chief Operating Officer of Morristown Memorial Hospital
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen's Award™: Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, M.D., a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. To register for the event or to learn more about the awards, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association at 609-803-2350 or visit [www.EJIAwards.org](http://www.EJIAwards.org). Profits from this year's event will be donated to Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc. The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.