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**Michigan among Top Three E-Prescribing States in the Nation,  
Led by Automotive Company Initiative**

***More than 3.1 million e-prescriptions written by doctors in  
Southeast Michigan e-prescribing Initiative in 2008***

DETROIT, MI, June 24, 2009 –According to the results of a nationwide report on electronic prescribing (e-prescribing), the state of Michigan is now third in the nation in its use of electronic prescriptions based on the total number of e-prescriptions routed in Michigan in 2008--which was nearly 4.9 million. The driving force behind the state's embrace of e-prescribing is physicians participating in the Southeast Michigan e-prescribing Initiative (SEMI). The findings are part of the annual Safe-Rx™ Awards announced June 22 by Surescripts® which operates the country's largest e-prescribing network and annually publishes state rankings and progress reports detailing e-prescribing adoption and use.

SEMI was launched to promote e-prescribing among physicians in Southeast Michigan by a coalition including General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Chrysler Group LLC, the United Auto Workers, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Health Alliance Plan, Henry Ford Medical Group, Medco Health Solutions, Inc. and CVS Caremark Corporation.

“That Michigan is now among the top three states in the nation in e-prescribing speaks to the success of the SEMI program in significantly moving the needle when it comes to physicians' adoption and use of this technology,” said Marsha Manning, Manager of Health Care Initiatives and Public Policy for General Motors, and a member of the SEMI e-prescribing Initiative Steering Committee. “Each year we've been improving on those numbers and by doing so have made pharmacy care safer for patients in Michigan, as well as helping to reduce costs for physician practices, employers and consumers. We see this as validation of SEMI's leadership, financial investment and early belief in the value of e-prescribing.”

Michigan received the Safe-Rx Award for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> among the top 10 e-prescribing states in the nation, rising from 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2008. The Safe-Rx Awards are given each year to the ten states that route the most electronic prescriptions as a percentage of the total number of prescriptions eligible for electronic routing over the Surescripts network. Michigan has steadily climbed up the scale since the Safe-Rx awards began in 2006 when it was nationally ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the use of the technology.

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### **About SEMI**

Launched in February 2005, the Southeast Michigan e-prescribing Initiative is one of the largest, employer-driven e-prescribing initiatives to encourage the adoption and use of e-prescribing, and measure the impact of e-prescribing technology on improving patient safety and reducing prescription drug costs.

More than 3,800 physicians have enrolled in SEMI since its inception and have routed more than 13 million electronic prescriptions over that time period. An analysis of 9.5 million prescriptions written by SEMI physicians since the program began found the following:

- A severe or moderate drug-to-drug alert was sent to physicians for nearly 2.75 million prescriptions (or 29 percent), resulting in nearly 1 million (or 36 percent) of those prescriptions being changed or canceled by the prescribing doctor;
- Physicians received nearly 260,000 medication allergy alerts
- Nearly 716,065 lists of dispensed prescription histories were downloaded by physicians
- When a formulary alert was presented, 36 percent of the time the physician changed the prescription to comply with formulary requirements.

Physicians interested in joining SEMI may call 1-800-722-8979 for more information.

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### **About GM**

General Motors Corp., one of the world's largest automakers, was founded in 1908, and today manufactures cars and trucks in 34 countries. With its global headquarters in Detroit, GM employs 235,000 people in every major region of the world, and sells and services vehicles in some 140 countries. In 2008, GM sold 8.35 million cars and trucks globally under the following brands: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, GM Daewoo, Holden, Hummer, Opel, Pontiac, Saab, Saturn, Vauxhall and Wuling. GM's largest national market is the United States, followed by China, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Canada, Russia and Germany. GM's OnStar subsidiary is the industry leader in vehicle safety, security and information services. More information on GM can be found at <http://www.gm.com/>.

### **About Ford**

Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures or distributes automobiles across six continents. With about 205,000 employees and about 90 plants worldwide, the company's automotive brands include Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Volvo. The company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company. For more information regarding Ford's products, please visit [www.ford.com](http://www.ford.com).

### **About Chrysler Group LLC**

Chrysler Group LLC, formed in 2009 from a global strategic alliance with Fiat Group, produces Chrysler, Jeep®, Dodge and Mopar® brand vehicles and products. With the resources, technology and worldwide distribution network required to compete on a global scale, the alliance builds on Chrysler's culture of innovation and Fiat's complementary technology.

Headquartered in Auburn Hills, Mich., Chrysler Group LLC's product lineup features some of the world's most recognizable vehicles, including the Chrysler 300, Jeep Wrangler and Dodge Ram. Fiat will contribute world-class technology, platforms and powertrains for small- and medium-sized cars, allowing Chrysler Group LLC to offer an expanded product line including environmentally friendly vehicles. Follow Chrysler news on: Chrysler Connect blog: <http://blog.chryslergroupllc.com>.

### **About HAP**

Headquartered in Detroit, Health Alliance Plan is a nonprofit health plan serving 500,000 members and 2,000 employer groups. HAP is a subsidiary of the Henry Ford Health System, one of the nation's leading health care systems. The health plan serves individuals through SOLO PPO plans and companies of all sizes through PPOs, HMOs, Value Plans, and Medicare plans. HAP Senior Plus is the top-ranked Medicare HMO plan in Michigan, and the commercial HMO is one of America's Best Health Plans, according to 2008 *U.S. News & World Report*: [http:// www.usnews.com/healthplans](http://www.usnews.com/healthplans). HAP has two subsidiaries, Alliance Health and Life Insurance Company and HAP Preferred, Inc. Find HAP news at: <http://www.hap.org>.

### **About Henry Ford Medical Group**

The Henry Ford Medical Group is one of the nation's largest group practices, with 1,000 physicians and researchers in more than 40 specialties who staff Henry Ford Hospital and 27 Henry Ford medical centers in Southeast Michigan. It is part of Henry Ford Health System ([www.henryford.com](http://www.henryford.com)), one of the country's leading health care systems, that integrates primary and specialty care with research and education.

### **About Blue Cross Blue Shield**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan ([www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com)), a nonprofit organization, provides and administers health benefits to more than 4.6 million members residing in Michigan in addition to members of Michigan-headquartered groups who reside outside the state. The company offers a broad variety of plans including: Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield; Blue Preferred, Community Blue and Healthy Blue Incentives PPOs; Blue Care Network HMO; BCN Healthy Blue Living; Flexible Blue plans compatible with health savings accounts; Medicare Advantage; Part D Prescription Drug plans, and MyBlue products in the under-age-65 individual market. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are nonprofit corporations and independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

### **About Medco**

Medco Health Solutions, Inc (NYSE: MHS) is a leading health care company, serving the needs of more than 60 million people. *Medco, the world's most advanced pharmacy*<sup>®</sup>, provides clinically driven pharmacy services designed to improve the quality of care and lower total health care costs for private and public employers, health plans, labor unions and government agencies of all sizes, and for individuals served by Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans. Through its unique *Medco Therapeutic Resource Centers*<sup>®</sup> and the Accredo Health Group, Medco's Specialty Pharmacy, the company is creating innovative models for the care of patients with chronic and complex conditions. Medco is a leader in the emerging field of personalized medicine and in applying evidence-based protocols to elevate the practice of pharmacy -a key element in reforming America's health care system. Medco is ranked number 45 on the Fortune 500 list, with 2008 revenues of more than \$51 billion. For more information about Medco, go to <http://www.medcohealth.com>.

### **About CVS Caremark**

CVS Caremark is the largest provider of prescriptions in the nation. The Company fills or manages more than 1 billion prescriptions annually. Through its unmatched breadth of service offerings, CVS Caremark is transforming the delivery of health care services in the U.S. The Company is uniquely positioned to effectively manage costs and improve health care outcomes through its more than 6,900 CVS/pharmacy and Longs Drugs stores; its Caremark Pharmacy Services division (pharmacy benefit management, mail order and specialty pharmacy); its retail-based health clinic subsidiary, MinuteClinic; and its online pharmacy, CVS.com. General information about CVS Caremark is available through the Investor Relations section of the Company's Web site, at [www.cvscaremark.com/investors](http://www.cvscaremark.com/investors), as well as through the press room section of the Company's Web site, at [www.cvscaremark.com/newsroom](http://www.cvscaremark.com/newsroom).