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**The Pharmacy Quality Alliance Elects Three New Members to its Board of Directors  
*Leaders from Humana, Pfizer and Incoming Leader of the  
American Pharmacists Association Joining Board***

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**Alexandria, VA.** – The Pharmacy Quality Alliance, Inc (PQA) elected three new members to its Board of Directors’ following its quarterly Board of Directors meeting. The PQA Board Chairman, Bruce Roberts, Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Community Pharmacists Association, announced the following three individuals who were unanimously approved for a four-year term:

*William Fleming, PharmD, Vice President, Pharmacy and Clinical Integration, Humana Inc.;*  
*Thomas Menighan, APhA Executive Vice President & CEO Designate, American Pharmacists Association (APhA); and*  
*Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, MS, Senior Director, Reimbursement & Regulatory Affairs, Federal Government Relations, Pfizer Inc*

Dr. William Fleming has been involved with PQA since its inception and served as Co-Chair of PQA’s Data Aggregation and Reporting Workgroup during the group’s initial two years. Additionally, he serves on a number of ad hoc committees for PQA, including its recent Strategic Planning Committee.

Dr. Eleanor Perfetto has also been an integral force within PQA. Currently, she serves as Co-Chair of the PQA Research Coordinating Council, a post she has held since the Council was established over two years ago. She has led our efforts in launching the five current PQA demonstration projects in Phase I, and is assisting PQA in its research plans for broader demonstration projects to be launched later in the year.

Thomas Menighan is joining PQA’s activities for the first time, however the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the organization he will head effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, has and continues to be a major player across several of PQA’s major workgroups and initiatives in the areas of Medication Therapy Management, Medication Reconciliation and Prevention & Wellness. APhA is dedicated to helping lead these workgroup efforts, and has appointed senior staff liaisons to shepherd their activities.

Laura Cranston, Executive Director for PQA, acknowledged the service and contributions of two of its Board members, who are rotating off the PQA Board of Directors. Cranston and Chairman Bruce Roberts both recognized the service of Dr. John Gans, one of PQA’s founding members and John Fish, Vice President with GlaxoSmithKline who has served on PQA’s Board for two years, and is retiring

from his position at GlaxoSmithKline. Dr. Gan's has served on the PQA Board since PQA's establishment in April 2006, and his leadership and guidance in these formative years has been most valuable. Also rotating off the Board is John (Jack) Fish, Vice President of Channel Management and Pharmacy Solutions for GlaxoSmithKline. Jack has served as the pharmaceutical industry representative to PQA for the past two years and has also served on PQA's Finance & Operations Committee.

In announcing these three new appointments, Chairman Bruce Roberts stated, "Stepping into the role of Board Member during the discussions of healthcare reform, gives all of us on the Board a tremendous challenge to assist in building a high quality, affordable healthcare system using the core building blocks of performance measurement, quality improvement and public reporting. In the medication use space, the performance measurement enterprise shows tremendous growth potential, and PQA, as a consensus-based alliance with the broadest group of stakeholders, is taking the appropriate steps to make appropriate medication use an integral part of the healthcare infrastructure."

PQA's three new Board members, join the additional 13 existing Board members to complete PQA's slate of Directors. A complete listing of PQA Board Members is below:

*Steven Anderson, IOM, President & CEO, National Association of Chain Drug Stores*

*Judith Cahill, Executive Director, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy*

*Laura Cranston, RPh, Executive Director, PQA, Inc.*

*Woody Eisenberg, MD, FACP, Chief Medical Officer, Medco Health Solutions*

*John Feather, PhD, CAE, Executive Director & CEO, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists*

*William Fleming, PharmD, Vice President, Pharmacy & Clinical Integration, Humana Inc.*

*Karen Ignagni, President & CEO, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)*

*Jeff Kelman, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

*David Marshall, RPh, Vice President, New Products, Portfolio Strategies, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA*

*Mark McClellan, MD, Director, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Brookings Institution*

*Thomas Menighan, MBA, Executive Vice President Designate and CEO, American Pharmacists Association*

*Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, MS, Senior Director, Reimbursement & Regulatory Affairs, Pfizer, Inc*

*Bruce Roberts, RPh, Executive Vice President & CEO, National Community Pharmacists Association*

*N. Lee Rucker, Strategic Policy Advisor, Public Policy Institute, AARP*

*Bruce Sherman, MD, FCCP, Medical Director, Global Services, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company*

*Rebecca Snead, RPh, Executive Vice President & CEO, National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations*

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