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## **COMMISSION REACHES MILESTONE OF 1500 BOARD-CERTIFIED GERIATRIC PHARMACISTS**

(Alexandria, Virginia –June 11, 2009) Jane Huff, RPh, CGP, Chair of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP), announced today that CCGP has reached a milestone of 1500 board-certified geriatric pharmacists (CGPs).

“At a time when national attention is turning to the nation's inadequate supply of health care professionals trained in geriatrics, now is an optimal time for pharmacists to demonstrate their expertise by earning a credential that is practice-based, clinically relevant, psychometrically sound, and legally defensible. We celebrate our 1500 CGPs and look forward to welcoming many more pharmacists to the ranks of board-certified geriatric pharmacist,” declared Huff.

“The Independence at Home” Act, recently introduced by US Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) of the Senate Special Committee on Aging and US Representative Ed Markey (D-MA), co-chairman of the Bi-Partisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s disease and senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, recognizes the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP) as the standard for demonstrating knowledge and expertise in geriatric pharmacy.

“Board certification in geriatric pharmacy is essential for pharmacists to meet the needs of the growing older adult population. They demand demonstration of competence and expertise from their health care professionals,” said Huff.

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP) was created by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) Board of Directors on February 27, 1997. CCGP is a nonprofit corporation, autonomous from ASCP, with its own governing Board of Commissioners. For information about forthcoming certification examinations, contact Jessilyn Deschevalier, Certification Coordinator, at 703-535-3036, email: [info@ccgp.org](mailto:info@ccgp.org), or visit the CCGP web site at [www.ccgp.org](http://www.ccgp.org).

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