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Certified Pharmaceutical Industry Professional (CPIP) Credentialing Program to Transition to Recertification Program

(TAMPA, FLORIDA, USA, 16 October 2013) – ISPE announced today that it will transition its Certified Pharmaceutical Industry Professional (CPIP) credential to a recertification program effective 30 November 2013. The decision to transition the program was made by the ISPE International Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark in September.

"ISPE is committed to equipping professionals with the knowledge and skills they need for competence and success throughout the pharmaceutical lifecycle," said ISPE President and CEO Nancy Berg. "The transition of the CPIP program to a recertification program is strategically important to support the Society's global industry leadership around initiatives such as drug shortages, quality metrics and breakthrough therapies. We will continue to work with our Affiliates, Chapters and nonprofit partners to explore innovative approaches to addressing the credentialing needs that still exist in the evolving market. In the meantime, we will continue to rely on the respected input of those who have achieved and maintain the CPIP credential, and we sincerely thank the volunteers who have devoted their time to developing and supporting the CPIP program."

Professionals currently holding the CPIP credential will be able to maintain the credential and be recognized for demonstrating the level of competence required to achieve it as long as they continue to meet the program's existing recertification guidelines. Those currently in the process of seeking the CPIP credential will be given the option continue to pursue certification and must complete the certification process by 31 May 2014 in order to achieve the credential and be eligible for recertification.

ISPE has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to address anticipated inquiries related to the transition, which are available at www.ISPE-PCC.org. ISPE Members and stakeholders may contact ISPE Member Services at +1-813-960-2105 or ask@ispe.org with additional questions. Media inquiries may be sent to Danielle Hould at dhould@ispe.org.

About ISPE

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