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NCPDP Foundation Awards Grant to Healthcare Ready to Support Access to Open Pharmacies During a Disaster or Emergency

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – August 16, 2016 – [NCPDP Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that is affiliated with NCPDP, announced today that it has awarded a \$10,000 grant to [Healthcare Ready](#), a nonprofit that works to assist in providing patient access to healthcare in the face of disaster and disease through collaboration with public health and healthcare. The grant will support technology enhancements to Healthcare Ready's Rx Open, which enables patients and healthcare professionals to find nearby pharmacies that are open in an area impacted by disaster.

NCPDP Foundation's grant builds upon NCPDP's contribution of its [dataQ®](#) pharmacy data file as a primary data source for Healthcare Ready's [Rx Open](#). The grant provides funding to help Healthcare Ready obtain the most accurate geocoding of the pharmacy locations for use with its interactive map.

Emily St. Martin Lord, Executive Director of Healthcare Ready, stated "We are thrilled by the support from NCPDP Foundation and NCPDP for Rx Open. It is an invaluable tool to ensure patients have access to life sustaining medicines at the time they need it the most."

"We are pleased to support the important service that Healthcare Ready's Rx Open provides to the public," explained Charlie Oltman, President of NCPDP Foundation. "It is important that, as a community, we come together and continuously plan for the unexpected. Rx Open makes it possible for patients and healthcare professionals to locate pharmacies that are open and operational during an emergency to speed access and minimize interruptions in therapy. It also helps individuals who are displaced, find shelter away from home."

Access Healthcare Ready's [Rx Open](#) to find open pharmacies or Red Cross shelters. For more information about Healthcare Ready, go to <https://www.healthcareready.org/>.

Visit NCPDP's website for information on Emergency Preparedness, including Industry Guidance and resources: <http://ncdpd.org/Resources/Emergency-Preparedness>.

About NCPDP Foundation

The NCPDP Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona and is affiliated with the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). The NCPDP Foundation was established in December 2012 to support research, education and charitable involvement within the healthcare industry. For more information, visit <http://ncdpdfoundation.org>.

NCPDP's dataQ® provides comprehensive, up-to-date data on over 79,000 pharmacies, including 4,000+ non-pharmacy dispensing sites nationwide. For more information, go to: <http://ncdpd.org/Products/DataQ>.