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ABD Again Wins Full Accreditation from URAC

Specialty Pharmacy Scores a Perfect 100% in Quality Review

PORTLAND, Maine — June 13, 2017 — Apothecary By Design, a rapidly growing specialty pharmacy serving patients nationwide, has for the second time been awarded full accreditation in specialty pharmacy from URAC, the country's premier healthcare benchmarking organization.

ABD's Portland pharmacy scored 100.0% in its compliance with nearly 400 quality criteria, which include standards for patient counseling, medication handling, client service and other best practices. URAC awarded the accreditation after a detailed review of ABD's policies, procedures, internal data and other information, as well as an on-site inspection.

ABD first received URAC accreditation, which is valid for three years, in 2014.

In addition to this renewed distinction, ABD holds accreditation from two other national standard-setting organizations, the Accreditation Commission for Health Care and the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board. Multiple accreditations are highly regarded in the specialty pharmacy industry because they are uncommon. In fact, it's estimated that among the hundreds of U.S. specialty pharmacies, fewer than 25% hold accreditation from both URAC and ACHC.

"It's necessary for specialty pharmacies to provide a higher level of treatment for patients so desired outcomes are achieved. Apothecary By Design shows a dedication to patient education and safety through the recognition of quality it received with URAC's independent

accreditation,” said URAC President and CEO Kylanne Green. “With URAC accreditation, people know that ABD strives to adhere to industry best practices.”

ABD Chief Executive Officer Ben McElhiney added: “Apothecary By Design is honored to again earn URAC accreditation, because it’s a testament to the high standards we set for our care, and the hard work of our team members.”

About URAC

Founded in 1990, URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through accreditation, certification, education and measurement. URAC is a nonprofit organization developing evidence-based measures and standards through inclusive engagement with a range of stakeholders committed to improving the quality of healthcare. URAC’s portfolio of accreditation and certification programs span the healthcare industry, addressing healthcare management, healthcare operations, health plans, pharmacies, telehealth providers, physician practices and more. URAC accreditation is a symbol of excellence for organizations to showcase their validated commitment to quality and accountability.

About Apothecary By Design

Apothecary By Design, a BelHealth Investment Partners portfolio company, is a rapidly growing specialty pharmacy with a high-touch service model and a focus on advocating for patients with complex diseases. Headquartered in Portland, Maine, with pharmacies there and in the Boston and Chicago areas, ABD provides intensive case management services regionally and nationally to patients with infertility, hepatitis C, HIV, rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions. Through support, education and advocacy, ABD (www.abdrx.com) puts patients on a path toward better health and quality of life.

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