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**Family Pharmacy Named IPC 2018 Most Valuable Pharmacy (MVP)**

**SUN PRAIRIE, WI, July 17, 2018** – Independent Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC) is thrilled to announce Family Pharmacy of Long Beach, California, as the recipient of the Dan Moudry Most Valuable Pharmacy (MVP) for 2018. IPC's MVP Award was presented to Rakesh Patel, Family Pharmacy Owner, at the IPC Annual Business Meeting on July 10, during McKesson ideaShare 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Family Pharmacy has been serving the city of Long Beach and surrounding areas since 1975. Rakesh Patel is on the Board of Directors at St. Mary Hospital; he is actively involved in his local church, and community center food drives. His professional associations include CPHA, NCPA, APHA and IPC.

“It is an honor to be able to recognize Rakesh Patel for his leadership and dedication to community pharmacy.” IPC President and CEO Don Anderson said. “Family Pharmacy is a prime example of an outstanding voice for independent pharmacy.”

“We at Family Pharmacy come to work every day with the attitude to be the best we can be for our customers.” Patel said. “It is a good feeling to be recognized for the care and effort of our team at Family Pharmacy. We take pride in making it a place where customers feel appreciated. All of us truly appreciate this award, thanks again to IPC.”

Dating back to 1983, IPC is the nation's largest group purchasing organization owned by independent pharmacy, representing nearly 6,000 members. With locations in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and Phoenix, Arizona, IPC prides itself on providing access to the most effective programs and services to put profit back into the independent pharmacy.

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*IPC MVP Roster: 2017: Blende Drug of Pueblo, Colorado; 2016: Oswalt Pharmacy of Seminole, Texas; 2015: Lombard Pharmacy of Lombard, Illinois; 2014: Tieton Village Drugs of Yakima, Washington; 2013: Beemon Drugs of Jackson, Mississippi; 2012: Yost Pharmacy of Mason, Ohio; 2011: Neuhauser Pharmacy of Madison, Wisconsin; 2010: Windham Pharmacy of Windham, New York.*