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SCDHHS Executive Wins Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award

Columbia, S.C. – Bryan Amick, Pharmacy Director at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), was named a 2013 Distinguished Young Pharmacist by Pharmacists Mutual Companies (PMC), a national provider of quality insurance products and financial services to health professionals. This prestigious award recognizes one pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions to the pharmacy profession. Amick accepted the award on June 8 during the annual convention of the South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA), held in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

“Bryan not only directs our key strategies in our pharmacy program to improve medication access and adherence, but also leads our Value Based Insurance Design effort that will improve health outcomes for South Carolinians,” says Tony Keck, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. “We've known for a long time he is an innovator and we are very proud for him to be recognized nationally.”

A leader in the healthcare industry, Amick has served on the Board of Directors of SCPhA and as the South Carolina State Advocacy Coordinator for the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. He serves on the editorial advisory board and as a peer reviewer for several professional journals, reviews grants for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and is a member of the American Pharmacists Association. Prior to joining SCDHHS, Amick served in director roles in the private and public health care sector and practiced pharmacy in hospital, long-term care, and community settings. Amick received an MBA from Stetson University in 2011, a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Economics from the University of Florida in 2010 and a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of South Carolina College Of Pharmacy in 2005.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides health care benefits to more than 1.1 million South Carolinians. Its mission is to purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost to the taxpayer. For more information on SCDHHS, please visit www.scdhhs.gov and follow @SCMedicaid on twitter.

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