



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 23, 2018

Contact: Kristina Bird, MPA director of communications

(517) 377-0232

Kathleen S. Pawlicki Awarded Michigan's Highest Honor in the Pharmacy Profession

Kathleen S. Pawlicki of Novi will receive the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Pharmacist of the Year Award during the Association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 23-25 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. This award is Michigan's highest honor in the pharmacy profession.

Throughout her career, Pawlicki has devoted her time and energy to advancing the profession and promoting the work of pharmacists within the health-system setting and beyond. Graduating in 1984 with her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Ferris State University, she quickly went on to earn her Masters in Pharmacy Administration from Wayne State University in 1988. She began her career as a pharmacy resident at Providence Hospital in Southfield and now serves as the current vice president and chief pharmacist at Beaumont Health. In this role she is responsible for the pharmaceutical services in eight hospitals and over 168 outpatient sites. She leads the strategic planning initiatives for 11 retail and specialty pharmacies, maintains regulatory adherence, facilitates the quality standards of medication management and coordinates the integration of pharmacy services throughout all of Beaumont Health.

Pawlicki has served as a role model for future pharmacy leaders through her numerous leadership roles in both state and national pharmacy associations as well as her endless commitment to advancing and advocating for the profession. Since becoming a member of MPA in 1993, Pawlicki has served as regional representative on the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Board of Directors, president of MSHP in 2002 and an MPA Executive Board member from 2004-06. She has also served in many leadership roles with the regional society, Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists, most notably as secretary from 1990-92, treasurer from 1993-95 and president for the 1995-96 year. Nationally, Pawlicki has had several opportunities to lead in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) since joining in 1984, including Michigan delegate to the ASHP House of Delegates, paper and poster reviewer for ASHP Summer Meetings from 2001-03, council member of the ASHP Administrative Affairs Council, chair of the ASHP Committee on Programming for Pharmacy Practice Managers, council member for the ASHP Administrative Affairs Council and, most auspiciously, a member of the ASHP Board of Directors from 2013-16. Currently she is a member and past-chair of the Pharmacy Management Committee with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and is a current member of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy.

Because of Pawlicki's endless commitment to the profession, she has been presented with numerous awards and recognitions for her work, including the College Excellence in Teaching Award from Wayne State University in 2001, the Fellow of ASHP distinction in 2001, Pharmacist of the Year Award from MSHP in 2004, MSHP President's Award in 2008, the MSHP Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award in 2011 and the Distinguished Service Award from the ASHP Pharmacy Practice Managers Section in 2012. Over the years, she has mentored students, residents and practitioners and provided a shining example of what it truly means to be a Michigan pharmacist. The pharmacy profession and the organizations that defend it rely on pharmacists like Pawlicki to provide the strength, stability and dedication to see the profession into the future.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan, strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit www.MichiganPharmacists.org.

###