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## **NOVI MAN RECEIVES AWARD**

Novi resident Jay Duprey received the 2005 Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Executive Board Medal Award during the association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 18-20 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The Executive Board Medal Award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary personal commitment to MPA. The award was developed to recognize individuals who have been instrumental to the MPA Executive Board and to the association in advancing pharmacy's agenda. It is the highest honor bestowed by MPA to a non-pharmacist.

Jay Duprey has been a tireless advocate for pharmacists and their patients, championing the cause of patients to protect their right to fill prescriptions at a local pharmacy. As an active member of the Coalition for Quality Healthcare, the organization which supports MPA's efforts to level the playing field between mail order and community pharmacy, Duprey has spent countless hours working with legislators and community and employer groups. He has often been a spokesperson for the organization, supporting the education of the public regarding the need to eliminate mandates as to where patients can have their prescriptions filled, through contact with the media. Though not a pharmacist, Duprey has supported the profession of pharmacy and provided advocacy for patients admirably and with extraordinary commitment.

Employed with Frank W. Kerr Company since 1990, Duprey is currently Vice President of Sales. His responsibilities at Frank W. Kerr include sales, marketing, customer service and merchandising functions. Additionally, he has been involved in new store development and acquisitions.

Duprey has been a member of MPA since 1981 and is also a member of the Healthcare Distribution Management Association, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs and an associate member of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

The MPA, serving over 3,500 pharmacy professionals, strives to be a leader in professional and scientific advancement by following its mission of encouraging and supporting its members as the professionals responsible for the delivery of patient-oriented pharmaceutical care.

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