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FDA Continues Co-sponsorship of MedCon Conference with AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative

(March 17, 2022) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will continue its long-standing co-sponsorship of the MedCon Conference. With a focus on fostering open discussions of the most pressing issues facing the medical device industry, the AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative recently announced that their new partnership will carry on Xavier Heath’s 12-year legacy of delivering the MedCon Conference.

The MedCon 2022 Conference will be held virtually May 4 – 6, 2022. The event will bring together medical device regulators and industry experts from around the world for content-rich conference sessions that include uncommon collaboration, deep dialogue, and networking as close as your computer.

“The annual MedCon conference helps fulfill the Department of Health and Human Services’ and FDA’s important mission to protect public health,” says Gina Brackett, Director, Compliance Branch at FDA ORA Office of Medical Device and Radiological Health. “MedCon has historically provided outreach and engagement with our colleagues in the medical products industry to discuss trends, innovations, and challenges in an educational setting. We are pleased that this new partnership between AFDO and RAPS intends to continue that focus. We feel it is important to be key facilitator of the discussion.”

FDA has made education of the device manufacturing community a high priority to help ensure the quality of FDA-regulated medical products.

MedCon 2022 registration is now open. For more information and to view the virtual program details, visit www.healthcareproducts.org/MedCon. Information about the Collaborative and announcements for future events can be found at www.healthcareproducts.org.

Members of the media who wish to attend the MedCon 2022 Conference should contact the media representatives listed above.

About the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) is a well-recognized national organization that represents state, territorial, and local regulatory. The Association's principal purpose is to act as the leader and a resource to state, territorial, and local regulatory agencies in developing strategies to resolve and promote public health and consumer protection related to the regulation of food, medical products, and cosmetics.

AFDO members are officials from federal, state, territorial, and local regulatory agencies that administer these programs in conjunction and collaboration with FDA. Although industry associate members can join AFDO, the organization is very unique in that only government regulatory officials can vote on matters addressed by the Association. Unlike other organizations, this gives AFDO a unique perspective on the infrastructure, capacity, strengths, and needs of state and local food protection programs. Further AFDO works on issues related to food, medical products, and cosmetics and has subject matters experts available in all disciplines related to FDA regulated products. AFDO has a strong history dating back to 1896 of collaborating with other organizations including associations, nonprofits, universities, and industry. AFDO members and stakeholders play a critical role in formulating law, regulations and best practices related to drugs and medical products. www.AFDO.org

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