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**Bio Brief**

Nicole Russell is Government Affairs Specialist for the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with more than 1600 members representing every sector of the pharmacy services industry. NCPDP provides a forum for its members to develop business solutions and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system.

Russell has been on staff with NCPDP for two years, providing guidance on state and federal legislative and regulatory issues of interest to membership and the industry. Prior to joining NCPDP, she served as the staff lobbyist and primary healthcare resource for the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA) for five years. Russell also worked as a news reporter and anchor for ABC Alaska News where she covered the state legislative session and followed the government affairs arena. She is a cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire. In 2013, she was selected and is currently participating in Leadership Iowa. In 2011, she was appointed and reappointed in 2014 to serve as a public member to serve on the State Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences by Governor Terry Branstad. Russell serves on the Board of the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation and is active in her community, volunteering as a coach for *Girls on the Run*, and as a member of the Susan G. Komen Advocacy Committee and Race for the Cure Committee.