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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2014 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

***Stephen K. Jones, FACHE, President and CEO of
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, March 10, 2014 – Carrying forward a 75-year tradition of recognizing exceptional physicians and leaders in healthcare, MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey (www.MDAdvantageonline.com) today announced the 2014 honorees for the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® (www.EJIAwards.org).

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. Every year since 1939, exemplary New Jersey physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in the state and around the nation have been honored. This annual event has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2003.

Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, “MDAdvantage is a proud and committed supporter of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards. For 75 years, this awards program has honored the legacy of New Jersey healthcare leaders. The accomplishments of this year’s honorees exemplify the progress and the contributions that have been made by New Jersey’s extraordinary talent.”

Among those being honored this year is Stephen K. Jones, FACHE, President and President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Health System, who will receive the Outstanding Medical Executive Award. The award is presented to an executive in a medically-related organization or field who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey.

Also being honored are:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award:**
David E. Swee, MD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development, Associate Dean for Education and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
 - **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®:** *George F. Heinrich, MD*, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Health Foundation, and Associate Dean for Admissions and Adjunct Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
 - **Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award:** Executive Director *Faith W. Rice*, on behalf of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders.
 - **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:**
Peter Lobel, PhD, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers
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Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine.

- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research:** *Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD*, orthopaedic surgeon, South Mountain Orthopaedic Associates, and Clinical Professor, Department of Orthopaedics at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
- **Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award®:** *Donald M. Chervenak, MD*, obstetrician/gynecologist at Florham Park OB/GYN and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, "The mission of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® is not only to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of our honorees, but also to support the future of medicine in New Jersey. As healthcare leaders, we have an obligation to pave the way for our future healthcare providers so that they may continue the tradition of quality healthcare delivery and innovation in our state."

This year's awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 7, 2014, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and physician assistant student scholarships. To participate in the 2014 Excellence in Medicine Awards by purchasing tickets, an Honor Roll sponsorship or an advertisement in the awards journal, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey. For more information on MDAdvantage, call 888-355-5551 or visit www.MDAdvantageonline.com.

Stephen K. Jones, FACHE

Stephen K. Jones, FACHE, was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the Robert Wood Johnson Health System in September 2007, and had served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer since December 2006. Before being named President, Mr. Jones previously served as Senior Vice President, Operations, of the hospital since October 1983. Mr. Jones has more than 30 years of healthcare management experience. Before joining the hospital, Mr. Jones served as Assistant Director at Somerset Medical Center, Somerville, New Jersey and Assistant Director at Barnert Memorial Hospital Center, Paterson, New Jersey.

Mr. Jones is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Hospital Association and a member of the Board of Directors of University HealthSystem Consortium. Mr. Jones is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is past President of the Senior Healthcare Executives Society of New Jersey and past President of the Assistant Hospital Directors Association of New Jersey. Mr. Jones has a faculty appointment at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in the Bloustein School undergraduate public health program. Mr. Jones also has a faculty appointment in the MPH program at the Rutgers School of Public Health.

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