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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2015 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

***Amy B. Mansue, President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital and
Resident of Hightstown, Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, February 23, 2015 – MDAdvantage Insurance Company, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance, today announced the 2015 Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine award recipients.

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. Each year, exemplary New Jersey physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service has 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 since 2003.

Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, "MDAdvantage is proud to once again sponsor the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*®. Being able to recognize all the progress that has been made in healthcare since the awards were first bestowed in 1939 is an honor and a privilege for all of us involved. My hope is that by highlighting these advances, we are able to inspire the healthcare providers and leaders of tomorrow."

Among those being honored this year is Amy B. Mansue, President and Chief Executive Officer, Children's Specialized Hospital and resident of Hightstown, who will receive the Outstanding Healthcare Executive Award. The award is presented to an executive in a healthcare-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:
Richard P. Mackessy, MD, *Orthopaedic Surgeon, Union County Orthopaedic Group and Chief of the Orthopedics Department at Trinitas Regional Medical Center*
 - Edward J. Ill Physician's Award®:
Margaret C. Fisher, MD, *Medical Director of the Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center and Professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine and St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada*
 - Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:
Estela Jacinto, PhD, *Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School*
 - Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research:
M. Maral Mouradian, MD, *William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Neurodegenerative and Neuroimmunologic Diseases in the Department of*
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Neurology at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award®:
Captain Joseph P. Costabile, MD, *General and Vascular Surgeon, Virtua Surgical Group*

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, said, "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. The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation and MDAdvantage are grateful for the support of our contributors, advertisers and, most especially, the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Honor Roll members who step up with significant annual contributions to support the scholarship fund."

This year's awards will be presented at the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®* ceremony on May 6, 2015, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and healthcare student scholarships. To order tickets, participate as a Scholarship Honor Roll member, place an ad in this year's awards journal or make a direct contribution, please contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

Amy B. Mansue

Amy B. Mansue was appointed President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) in September 2003.

Ms. Mansue is responsible for operations and management of the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the country. Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, has 1,200 employees and operates 13 sites throughout New Jersey, including centers of excellence in brain injury, spinal cord dysfunction, educational and rehabilitation technology, respiratory care and ambulatory services. CSH provides medical, developmental, educational and rehabilitation services for more than 22,800 patients annually. The hospital's wide range of services includes early intervention, outpatient therapy, physician services and medical daycare.

Under Ms. Mansue's leadership, Children's Specialized Hospital was named by *NJBIZ* as one of the "Top 25 Places to Work" from 2006 to 2009 (earning the number one ranking in 2008) and was ranked in the top 100 Best Healthcare Employers in the U.S. by *Modern Healthcare* in 2008 and 2009. CSH was also named 2012 Hospital of the Year by *NJBIZ Healthcare Heroes* and holds the distinct honor of being the only pediatric rehabilitation system to be named to *New York Magazine's* Top Hospital listing.

Ms. Mansue, a social worker, has an extensive public service background, serving two Governors and a Congressman, and has influenced many areas of health policy with a special focus on improving the lives of people with disabilities. She presently serves on the Boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Development Corporation, the Middlesex Water Company and the Children's Hospital Association.

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