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**MDADVANTAGE AND THE
EDWARD J. ILL EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE FOUNDATION
RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Lawrenceville, NJ, April 29, 2016 – MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey is pleased to announce seven Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund recipients for 2016. MDAdvantage and the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation created the scholarship fund in 2009 in recognition of a demonstrated need to support healthcare education and retain medical talent in New Jersey.

All profits from this year's *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® (www.EJIAwards.org) will be dedicated to healthcare student scholarships. This year's scholarships bring the total scholarship contributions to \$490,000 over the past seven years.

The Scholarship Fund is a perfect fit with the awards program named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting medical education in ways that set the national standard. While the longstanding awards program has been honoring physicians since 1939, it did not take on a charitable purpose until MDAdvantage began sponsoring the event in 2003.

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."

The 2016 scholarship recipients are:

- Natalya Andriyanycheva (Rutgers School of Health Related Professions)
- Ryan Miller (Cooper Medical School of Rowan University)
- Ronak Mistry (Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine)
- Rachel Morales (Rutgers New Jersey Medical School)
- Richard Steinwandtner (Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences)
- Melissa Villars (Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School)
- Nicole Viola (Rutgers School of Dental Medicine)

"Our physicians are among the top providers in the nation," said Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage. "We must continue to support the development and education of physicians so New Jersey families can continue to have access to the high quality healthcare to which we have become accustomed. MDAdvantage is honored to have this opportunity to support efforts that invest in the future of New Jersey's healthcare system."

This year's scholarships will be presented at the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® ceremony on May 4, 2016, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. For more information on this annual event, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

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