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**Nominations Sought for Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®
Recognizing New Jersey Physicians & Healthcare Leaders**

Lawrenceville, NJ, August 14, 2013 – In a continuing effort to recognize extraordinary contributions to healthcare in New Jersey, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation (www.EJIawards.org) and MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey (www.MDAdvantageonline.com) are calling for nominations for the 2014 *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®*. The deadline for nominations has been extended to August 28, 2013.

“Next year will mark the 75th anniversary of this prestigious event that recognizes exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have made a difference to the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the world,” said Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation. “This is a significant milestone, and we look forward to honoring an exceptional group of award recipients who have made significant accomplishments in their respective areas of expertise.”

Award categories

- Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®
- Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award:
- Outstanding Medical Educator Award
- Outstanding Medical Executive Award
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research

“We’re proud to carry on Dr. Ill’s passion for education,” said Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage. “For the fifth consecutive year, profits from the event will be dedicated to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund to support healthcare education in New Jersey. The Fund is a perfect fit with the person for whom the program is named: Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting medical education, setting a national standard.”

Nominations

An individual or group may submit nominations as per the Guidelines for Nomination, available at www.EJIawards.org. The nomination package should include a letter summarizing the candidate’s areas of excellence, unique contributions and special qualifications, and his or her CV or resume.

Nominations may be submitted by mail to Paul J. Hirsch, M.D., Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, c/o MD Advantage, Two Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. They may also be emailed to Janet Puro at jpuro@EJIawards.org.

May 7 Ceremony

The awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 7, 2014. To learn more, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIawards.org.



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