OncologyRx® Care Advantage applying for URAC Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation

National oral oncology pharmacy committed to excellence in quality and patient medication therapy management

The Woodlands, Texas (June 1, 2011) – OncologyRx Care Advantage, McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology’s national oral oncology pharmacy, announced today that it is applying for Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation from URAC, a Washington, D.C.-based healthcare accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the healthcare industry. URAC’s Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation ensures that organizations meeting the rigors of accreditation uphold the highest standards in the industry.

“We have best practices for helping cancer patients manage the cost and complexities of their oral oncology therapies,” said John Helfrich, director of pharmacy operations, OncologyRx Care Advantage. “Achieving URAC’s Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation will validate Care Advantage as a pharmacy that seeks excellence in quality and patient medication therapy management.”

OncologyRx Care Advantage provides patients with convenient home delivery of oral therapies and the additional support necessary for safe and supervised use of these oral therapy treatments. The pharmacy’s team of experts, including pharmacists, oncology-certified nurses, and patient access coordinators, provides critical patient support that includes proactive monitoring of patient compliance, supporting adherence through education, helping with side effect management, and helping them access co-pay assistance through financial-assistance programs.

“By seeking URAC Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation, Care Advantage has displayed leadership through a commitment to quality and accountability,” said Alan P. Spielman, URAC president and CEO.

Accreditation reinforces best clinical and organizational practices for ensuring appropriate and safe medication use and optimal patient outcomes. Evidence for therapy counseling, disease education, care coordination, comprehensive patient education, and adherence management are critical for assuring successful patient medication therapy management and safety — all standards evaluated under URAC’s Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation.

About McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology
McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology, a division of McKesson Corporation, empowers the community patient care delivery system to advance the science, technology and quality of care. Through innovative clinical, research, business and operational solutions, facilitated by integrated technology systems, we improve the financial health of our customers and help them provide quality care for patients. For more information, visit www.mckesson.com/specialty and www.usoncology.com.

About OncologyRx® Care Advantage
McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology provides patients with oral oncology therapeutics through its specialty pharmacy OncologyRx Care Advantage™. Launched in August 2006 and designed specifically for the complexity of cancer care, Care Advantage provides patients with convenient home delivery of oral cancer therapies and the additional support necessary for safe and supervised use of these oral therapy treatments. The pharmacy’s CARxES (Chemotherapy Adherence and Prescription Education Support) team includes oncology certified nurses and pharmacists who answer patient questions and help patients proactively manage side effects and remain compliant with the prescribed therapies. The CARxES™ team also has Patient Access Coordinators who can seek co-pay assistance for patients who need help affording their treatment. Care Advantage is available to cancer patients in all 50 United States and US territories. For more information, call 1-888-479-6337 or visit www.oncologyrx.us.

About URAC
URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is a leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation and certification programs. URAC’s standards keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a mark of distinction for health care organizations to demonstrate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in setting meaningful standards for the health care industry. For more information, visit www.urac.org.

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