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CriticalPoint™ Introduces Crosswalk Tool for Sterile Compounding Regulatory Requirements

CriticalPoint, LLC, in partnership with Baxa Corporation, announces the availability of a free online reference tool for understanding state laws and regulations.

Englewood, Colo. – Baxa Corporation announces the availability of a comprehensive new reference tool for understanding the compliance requirements for sterile compounding and USP <797> compliance. The interactive reference map was developed by ClinicaIQ, LLC, CriticalPoint, LLC and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®. The tool offers state-specific guidelines on professional licensing and training requirements, State Board of Pharmacy harmonization with USP <797> guidelines and sterile compounding laws.

According to Peter Cantor, CriticalPoint development lead, "This project was developed as a response to the need among pharmacy managers and other healthcare providers to understand the legal and professional requirements for sterile compounding and licensure. As a provider of continuing education and USP <797> compliance training for pharmacies, we wanted to take this opportunity to give something back to the compounding community. The research provides an important tool for our customers in understanding the laws and regulations that govern their work." The complimentary reference tool is available online and is maintained by Cantor and other CriticalPoint staff members.

Baxa Corporation markets the CriticalPoint compliance training modules as part of its Productivity and Compliance Tools (PACT) product line, which includes the Skills Training, Academics and Resources (STAR) Center classroom-based training for USP <797> compliance and aseptic compounding. The CriticalPoint program offers an interactive, Web-based training solution for sterile compounding education and regulatory compliance. The online crosswalk tool complements the CriticalPoint training by providing up-to-date information on the training requirements in each state for professional licensure, USP <797> and state laws and regulations.

Notes pharmacist Phil Wettstad, Baxa Pharmacy Operations Specialist, "This crosswalk tool is a valuable resource for pharmacy managers and IV supervisors for determining their training needs and planning for regulatory compliance." Once a facility's training needs are established, the CriticalPoint - Baxa partnership provides both off-the-shelf and experiential



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training programs to meet them.” For more information on sterile compounding compliance training programs, visit baxa.com/STARcenter or baxa.com/criticalpoint.

About Baxa Corporation

Baxa, a customer-focused medical device company, provides innovative, solution-based technologies for medication handling and delivery. Its systems and devices promote the safe and efficient preparation, handling, packaging, and administration of medications. Key products include the PadLock® Set Saver, Rapid-Fill™ Automated Syringe Fillers, Exacta-Med® Oral Dispensers, MicroFuse® Syringe Infusers, Repeater™ Pharmacy Pumps, and Exacta-Mix™ and MicroMacro™ Multi-Source Automated Compounders; used worldwide in hospitals and healthcare facilities. Privately held, Baxa Corporation has subsidiaries and sales offices in Canada and the United Kingdom; direct representation in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Switzerland; and distribution partners worldwide. Further information is available at www.baxa.com.

About CriticalPoint, LLC

CriticalPoint, LLC, offers interactive Web-based training for compounding sterile preparations and services related to creating and enabling learning through technology in clinical settings. CriticalPoint e-Learning represents a best practices approach for interactive training for sterile compounding and is designed to assist healthcare providers in meeting quality assurance program goals and regulatory compliance. For more information visit www.criticalpoint.info.

About NABP®

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is the independent, international, and impartial association that assists its member boards and jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of protecting the public health. <http://www.nabp.net/>

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