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## **PMSI OFFERS CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE ON STRATEGIES TO CONTROL RISING PHARMACY COSTS**

*Maria Sciamè to Speak at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Workers' Compensation Conference*

Tampa, Florida (November 13, 2009) – PMSI, one of the nation's largest providers of specialty products and services for the workers' compensation market, today announced that Maria Sciamè, PharmD, CDE, RRT, Director of Clinical Services for PMSI, will be presenting "How You Can Control the Over-Use of Medication" at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference & Expo, a nationally acclaimed annual conference. Her speaking engagement will take place on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. at McCormick Place in Chicago.

Sciamè's presentation will focus on strategies to control rising drug costs in workers' compensation, mitigate risk and improve the care provided to injured workers. "PMSI's *2009 Annual Drug Trends Report for Workers' Compensation* showed that medication costs increased by 5.4% in 2008, continuing a multi-year trend of increased pharmacy spending," commented Sciamè. During her presentation, Sciamè will discuss the key factors driving increases in pharmacy cost and utilization as well as strategies to more effectively manage both quality and cost.

As Director of Clinical Services for PMSI, Sciamè leads the development of clinical programs that facilitate appropriate and effective utilization of medications for injured workers across all stages of care. Dr. Sciamè was instrumental in the development and launch of PMSI's proprietary integrated clinical program offering—MedAssess™. She holds a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy and completed a specialty residency in Primary Care Pharmacy Practice at the James A. Haley Veterans' Administration Hospital in Tampa, Florida.

### **About PMSI:**

PMSI is one of the nation's largest full-service providers of clinically driven services for Pharmacy, Medical Services and Equipment, and Settlement Solutions, and is devoted exclusively to the workers' compensation and liability markets. For over 33 years, PMSI has led the industry and served as the trusted resource for thousands of insurance payors, state workers' compensation funds, employers, and third-party administrators. Today, PMSI continues its leadership position by managing millions of pharmacy, medical services and equipment, and settlement transactions each year. For more information, please refer to the PMSI website at [www.pmsionline.com](http://www.pmsionline.com).

**About The Annual National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference & Expo:**

Now in its 18th year, the conference remains the nation's leading event for the workers' compensation and disability management industries. Professionals including CEOs, insurance executives, attorneys, case managers, and risk managers attend the two- and a half-day program to expand their knowledge and gain new solutions directly related to workers' compensation, disability and return-to-work programs. Additional information on the 2009 Conference is available at [www.wcconference.com](http://www.wcconference.com).

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