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Health Care CEO Charles Riddick to Receive NCMS Award

(Raleigh)—The North Carolina Medical Society will be presenting Charles J. Riddick, Chief Executive Officer of the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) with the John Huske Anderson Award at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Riddick is being recognized for his impact on the medical profession and public health. Riddick joined CCME, formerly known as Medical Review of North Carolina, in 1985 and has led the organization to become one of the top Quality Improvement organizations in the nation.

Riddick received a B.S. in Biology and a Masters in Education from East Carolina University. After graduate school, Riddick served as Assistant Professor and Dean of students at Warren Wilson College. He was Executive Director of Western North Carolina Medical Peer Review Foundation from 1975 to 1985. The Foundation was one of eight Professional Standards Review Organizations (PSROs) in the state at the time. PSROs were later renamed Professional Review Organizations (PROs).

When the North Carolina Medical Society formed a committee to merge the eight North Carolina PSROs into a single physician-led organization, Riddick provided guidance and later became its CEO. He led the merger of the South Carolina and North Carolina PROs, which became the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence. Riddick and other PROs leaders made it possible for physicians and hospitals to work together to improve quality of care.

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In August, CCME received a three-year contract for Medicare Review in North and South Carolina. CCME expanded its role to include research projects such as fall prevention in nursing homes, making appropriate use of PET scanning in patients with certain malignancies, and promoting stroke awareness in collaboration with the North Carolina Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force. CCME also developed the Alliance for Medical Excellence to gain input and promote interaction between this organization and recipients, business and community leaders.

Riddick is active in the East Carolina University Foundation, the Raleigh Sports Club, the American Association of Professional Standards and the Review Organizations Executive Directors Section. Riddick and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

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About the North Carolina Medical Society

The NC Medical Society represents nearly 12,000 physicians and physician assistants in North Carolina. Founded in 1849, the NCMS is committed to ensuring access to quality health care for every North Carolinian through leadership in medicine.

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