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## **LEWIS ACHIEVES FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE EXECUTIVES**

Toms River, New Jersey, December 5, 2006 – Michael S. Lewis, MBA, FACMPE, Director of Healthcare Consulting with Cowan, Guteski & Co., P.A., one of the leading certified public accounting and consulting firms for the healthcare industry, has become a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE). Fellowship in the ACMPE (FACMPE) is the highest distinction in the medical practice management profession. Lewis is one of two Fellows that are consultants with a certified public accounting firm in New Jersey.

ACMPE formally recognized this accomplishment in October at the ACMPE Convocation, held in conjunction with the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) 2006 Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Lewis is a resident of Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

To achieve Fellowship, Lewis first earned the Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) designation by passing rigorous essay and objective examinations that assess knowledge of the broad scope of medical practice management. This includes financial management, human resources management, planning and marketing, information management, risk management, governance and organizational dynamics, business and clinical operations and professional responsibility. In addition, Lewis completed the presentation requirement and maintained continuing education credit hours to achieve CMPE status. To earn Fellowship Lewis submitted three cases studies documenting the objectives and results of an investigation into a health-care management topic.

During 2006, ACMPE, the standard-setting and certification body of MGMA, celebrates its 50th anniversary of conferring board certification and Fellowship on medical practice management professionals.

ACMPE has conferred board certification on almost 3,200 professionals – 2,350, CMPEs and 850 Fellows – since its establishment in 1956. There are only 12 Fellows in New Jersey. The ACMPE membership comprises more than 5,400 individuals who have attained CMPE or Fellow status or who seek certification.

As Director of Healthcare Consulting, Lewis provides profitability consulting services to physician practices. With more than 27 years of experience as a senior executive in the healthcare industry, Lewis brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Cowan, Guteski & Company. Physician groups that he has managed have been recognized by MGMA as among the “Best Practices” in the country with respect to billing and collection indicators. Mr. Lewis is an established authority in practice management, medical billing and claims; accounts receivable management, practice acquisition, valuations, healthcare information systems, credentialing, electronic medical records, as well as physician relations and compliance.

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#### [About ACMPE](#)

Founded in 1956, ACMPE is the standard-setting and certification body of the Medical Group Management Association. Through ACMPE, medical group administrators can earn the Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) designation and go on to earn the highest distinction of Fellow in the ACMPE (FACMPE). ACMPE members belong to a network of management professionals dedicated to becoming the best in medical practice management by combining experience, learning and professional certification.

#### [About MGMA](#)

MGMA, founded in 1926, is the nation’s principal voice for medical group practice. MGMA’s 20,000 members manage and lead more than 12,000 organizations in which more than 242,000 physicians practice. MGMA’s core purpose is to improve the effectiveness of medical group practices and the knowledge and skills of the individuals who manage and lead them. MGMA headquarters are in Englewood, Colorado.

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