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NCPEDS MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORS FROM AAP

Raleigh, N.C. – Two members of the North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPeds) were recently honored with Special Achievement Awards from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Debbie Ainsworth and Molly Berkoff are being honored for their distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the AAP.

“We congratulate Dr. Ainsworth and Dr. Berkoff on this well-deserved recognition. Their work on behalf of the children of this state will be felt for generations to come, and North Carolina is fortunate to have such outstanding pediatricians working towards stronger pediatric practice to help promote child health across the state,” said Scott St. Clair, MD, FAAP who currently serves as NCPeds President and pediatrician at Blue Ridge Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

The awards will be presented at the NCPeds Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C. which will be held Sept. 14-16, 2018.

Debbie Ainsworth, MD, FAAP, is being honored for outstanding service in leading Medicaid Reform and for her work in assuring pediatric representation in key Medicaid Reform infrastructure. Ainsworth is the owner of Washington Pediatrics in Washington, NC and is the current Past President of NCPeds. She has served on the board of directors for Community Care Physician Network, representing independent NC practices as the state moves toward commercial insurance managed care for the Medicaid population.

Molly Berkoff, MD, MPH, FAAP, is being recognized for her tireless work to support increasing rates paid for Child Medical Evaluations to assure strong timely care of a vulnerable population that includes children for whom abuse or neglect is suspected. Berkoff is a professor of pediatrics at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and a public health pediatrician with Wake County Human Services Child Welfare. She is the medical director for the North Carolina Child Medical Evaluation Program, the medical consultation program for North Carolina Division of Social Services. She is also the medical director for the UNC Beacon Child Protection Team and the Wake County Child Health and Development Program.

ABOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY

Founded in 1931, the North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPeds) is the state affiliate Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics with more than 2,000 pediatrician and pediatric health professional members. Its mission is to empower pediatricians and its partners to foster the physical, social, and emotional well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

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