

50 Years of Pharmacy Leadership Honored

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy has recognized Jerry H. Hodge, RPh and Chairman of Maxor National Pharmacy Services, LLC (MNPS), for 50 years of service as a licensed pharmacist. Hodge, who was president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy 1981-1987, has been the head of Maxor for his entire career.

Maxor originated in 1926 as a single pharmacy, Maxor Drugs, located in downtown Amarillo, Texas. The company name is derived from the names of its two founders, Howard Guy Maxfield and Samuel Orr. Maxor is the oldest continuous pharmacy operation in the 26-county Texas Panhandle, and one of the oldest in Texas.

Hodge graduated from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy in 1965, and a year later purchased Maxor Drugs. At that time, he was the sole employee. Hodge opened a second location in 1969, and grew the company to eight retail pharmacy locations in Texas. By 1970, under Hodge's leadership, Maxor had become the leading provider of long-term care pharmacy services in the Texas Panhandle, and was among the first Texas pharmacies to provide unit dose dispensing.

The evolution of managed care led Maxor into new and developing areas of outpatient pharmacy services, including managed care pharmacy operations, capitated pharmacy benefit management, ancillary benefit management and specialty injectable services. Hodge's vision guided the company's evolution into an employee-driven, national pharmacy and healthcare service organization, including a nursing home pharmacy, an institutional pharmacy and a home intravenous therapy company. In 1991, Hodge took over management of the main outpatient pharmacy of Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, MD.

MNPS has become a private, integrated pharmacy services company, with more than 500 employees. Under the umbrella of MNPS, Maxor is a multi-faceted pharmacy services company. Since 1926, it has grown into a nationwide provider of pharmacy and healthcare services, including *Maxor Pharmacies*, retail and mail order pharmacies; *Maxor Pharmacy Consulting & Management Services*, providing inpatient and outpatient pharmacy consulting and management services; *MaxorPlus, Ltd.*, pharmacy benefit management services; *Maxor Specialty Pharmacy and IV Solutions*, specialty pharmacy services and home infusion therapy; *Maxor Correctional Pharmacy Services*, providing correctional pharmacy services; *PickPoint*, providing intelligent pharmacy solutions for remote dispensing systems, "will call" systems, and electronic medication administration records; and *Maxor Administrative Services*, providing administration of employee healthcare benefits.