

***Patricia Van Dyke Recognized
as 2008 Benjamin D. Ward
Award Recipient***

May, 2008 -- Phoenix, AZ: The National Dental EDI Council (NDEDIC) is proud to announce Patricia Van Dyke, Director, ODS Health Service, as the recipient of the 2008 Benjamin D. Ward Award for her outstanding contributions to the dental EDI industry.

As the preeminent source for dental electronic data interchange (EDI) information and networking, NDEDIC draws members and participants from every facet of the dental EDI industry – payers, clearinghouses, software vendors, consultants, and practitioners – to their annual conference where recognition is given to the recipient of the award -- someone who has impacted the entire dental EDI community.

Pat has served as Chairman of NDETS (National Dental Electronic Transaction Simplification Workgroup) for the past two years where the group developed the 835 NDETS Guide and introduced an annual review process for the NDETS guides. Pat has worked with other volunteers on codes that meet dental industry needs, including Real-time adjudication. She has served on panels at previous NDEDIC Conferences and has coordinated the Real-Time panel for the 2008 Conference.

Pat Van Dyke is an invaluable member of NDEDIC -- the organization is pleased to honor her with its highest recognition.

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