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St. Paul, Minn. – (February 26th, 2016) – The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®) announced that **Wade Delk** has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Center for Organizational Management (CFOM), an association management company (AMC), and as JCAHPO's Director of Public Affairs. JCAHPO is the world's largest organization for allied ophthalmic personnel, providing education, certification, and accreditation. In 2006, JCAHPO expanded its global initiatives by establishing an international branch.

As CFOM's Executive Director, Delk will be responsible for the AMC leadership that currently serves eight associations. He began his work as Executive Director of the Center for Organizational Management on February 1, 2016 and he will be working in a Washington DC office.

For more than nine years, Delk was the Director of Governmental Affairs of the National Board for Respiratory Care and Applied Measurement Professionals. In that capacity, he headed the organization and corporation's legislative initiatives at the federal and state level for the AMC's association clients. Prior to this, Delk served as Executive Director of The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) and for the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). He has served on a Federal Advisory Committee, and numerous think tanks and task forces for various organizations. In his early career, he held positions in associations, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and with a national political party. He has special knowledge in the fields of certification and licensure, membership, strategic research, and governmental affairs. He holds a Bachelor's in Political Science with a Concentration in International Relations.

He states, "Since my involvement with JCAHPO over the past 15 years, I have respected the extraordinary leadership of JCAHPO and CFOM in the eye care profession. JCAHPO has a renowned reputation as one of the most important organizations in this field worldwide. Now, as nonprofits face new challenges and opportunities in a changing healthcare world, this is a perfect

moment to reflect and expand the impact JCAHPO and CFOM can have in the future. I am deeply honored to be a part of this organization, and look forward to working in the vision care profession.”

[About JCAHPO®]

The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) was established as a not-for-profit organization in 1969 to offer certification and continuing education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health personnel. Since then, more than 25,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned JCAHPO® Certification. For more information, visit: www.jcahpo.org.

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