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Dr. Neeraj Gandotra  
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Dear Dr. Gandotra:

On behalf of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP), I write to congratulate you on your appointment to Chief Medical Officer for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). CPNP looks forward to partnering with you to improve access to high-quality, effective services for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.

CPNP is a professional association of more than 2,300 members who envision a world where all individuals living with mental illness, including those with substance use and neurologic disorders, receive safe, appropriate, and effective treatment. Most members are specialty pharmacists and Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPPs) who specialize in psychiatry, substance use disorder, psychopharmacology, and neurology.

CPNP believes that all individuals deserve access to affordable, meaningful healthcare coverage. While approaches to prevention, intervention, and treatment have improved, severe gaps in our system remain that obstruct healthcare for those struggling. It is CPNP's hope that we can work together to fill these gaps.

CPNP is ready to be a resource for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us or our Washington Representative, Sarah Mills, at [sarah.mills@dbr.com](mailto:sarah.mills@dbr.com) or 202-230-5182. Once again, congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

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