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The NHCAA John Morris Volunteer Service Award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in support of the mission of the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association.

NHCAA is delighted to name **Mark J. Horowitz**, Senior Manager of Investigations for the National Special Investigations Unit at Kaiser Permanente as the 2021 NHCAA **John Morris Volunteer Service Award** recipient. Mark is a colleague and friend to many who consistently demonstrates a remarkable capacity for generosity in sharing his time, knowledge, and skill.



Mark joined Kaiser Permanente in 1989 and spent more than 25 years with pharmacy operations. In his current role with Kaiser's National SIU, Mark is responsible for identifying fraud, waste, and abuse relating specifically to the Medicare Part D program. With his extensive experience in pharmacy operations and as a registered pharmacist in the state of California, Mark is adept at understanding a wide range of pharmacy fraud issues involving false claims, including the devastating impact of opioid overprescribing.

For the last many years, Mark has been an ardent supporter of NHCAA and its mission. He gives freely of his time and experience, whether it's for case information sharing or teaching his fellow industry peers. Currently, Mark chairs NHCAA's

Pharmacy and Prescription Drug Fraud Interest Group. He has also contributed to NHCAA as an author and subject matter expert for several Fraud Briefs. In addition, Mark has been a dependable and effective faculty member for various NHCAA education and training programs including serving as a speaker at many Annual Training Conferences over the last decade. His invaluable insights and expertise regarding the unique aspects of pharmacy fraud have elevated every NHCAA training program he has participated in.

Marita Janiga, Vice President of Investigations at Kaiser Permanente and 2022 NHCAA Board Chair, offers the following, "We are thrilled that Mark Horowitz has been chosen as the recipient of NHCAA's 2021 John Morris Volunteer Service Award. This award exemplifies who Mark is. In addition to the work he does on behalf of NHCAA, Mark volunteers for other associations and organizations, and within his own community - he truly makes a difference and epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism. Mark is a highly valued member of our team and is resolutely committed to the fight against health care fraud."



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Beyond NHCAA, Mark serves as co-chair of the newly reconfigured Executive Board for the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership (HFPP). He is also president of the California Chapter of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) and a member of the California Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP).

When asked to share his philosophy on successfully fighting health care fraud, Mark says, "I have always taken pride in sharing investigative referrals, medication guidelines and documents, and will always take the extra step to cooperate with and introduce law enforcement agents with other health plan partners to enhance their investigations. The motto I try to live by at work is 'Partnership and the sharing of investigative information are vital in the battle against health care fraud. The ultimate goal is to mitigate patient risk.'"

NHCAA is grateful to Mark Horowitz for his inexhaustible energy and giving nature and we congratulate him for being named only the fourth recipient of NHCAA's prestigious John Morris Volunteer Service Award.

HISTORY OF THE JOHN MORRIS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD: *This award was established in 2018 to honor the memory of one of NHCAA's most ardent and loyal supporters, John George Morris, Jr. John was a founding member of NHCAA in 1985, who served for many years on the NHCAA Board of Directors, including as Board Chair in 2003. Following his service to the Board, John continued to actively participate in NHCAA committees and activities and unselfishly volunteered his time and expertise to assist with countless NHCAA projects. Even in retirement he served, volunteering as an honorary NHCAA staff member at several Annual Training Conferences. John Morris was a true friend to the Association and his philosophy of service inspired NHCAA to inaugurate a volunteer service award in his honor.*