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KEY PHYSICIAN GROUPS FORM ALLIANCE TO ENHANCE QUALITY AND TEST NEW CONTRACTING METHODS

Hartford, CT, November 14, 2011. The leaders of three of Connecticut's largest medical groups, covering over 450 physicians and 500,000 patients, announced today that they are undertaking an initiative to improve health care quality and lower costs for payers and consumers in the state. The new organization, as yet unnamed, will be a vehicle through which its members will attempt to reach new contracting and payment arrangements with health plans, employers and others, including shared savings plans and Accountable Care Organizations.

The member organizations, currently including Connecticut Multispecialty Group, ProHealth Physicians, and Women's Health Connecticut, emphasized that they were inviting participation and collaboration with other physician organizations, hospitals, employers and health plans. The new organization will ultimately be structured as a statewide clinically integrated IPA ("independent practice association") which binds its members to technology improvements, data sharing, care management systems and medical quality standards designed to enhance quality, patient services, and cost effectiveness.

The member physician organizations have signed an agreement forming a Managing Committee with the objective of creating the new clinically integrated IPA within 12 months, after consultation with health plans, hospitals and other physicians and determination of specific technology, contracting and funding requirements. Members of the Managing Committee include lead physicians and business managers of the participating organizations: from ProHealth (185 physicians), Chairman Todd Staub MD and CEO Jack Reed; from Women's Health CT (180 physicians) Chairman Richard Ruben MD, and from its management partner Women's Health USA CEO Robert Patricelli; and from CT Multispecialty Group (81 physicians), President John Russomanno MD and CEO Robert Ferrini.

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