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Oklahoma Health Care Authority Selects APS Healthcare to Administer Medical and Quality Review Services

APS Healthcare expands reach in Oklahoma with new contract

Silver Spring, Md. – July 13, 2006 – APS Healthcare, one of the country’s leading specialty healthcare companies, today announced that it has been selected by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to provide utilization management services for the state’s 600,000 *SoonerCare* (Medicaid) members. This contract represents a significant expansion of APS’ relationship with Oklahoma, where APS has been providing informatics consulting services since 2002.

“We are excited about our new partnership with APS,” said Mike Fogarty, CEO of OHCA. “APS’ strong experience with other Medicaid programs shows that they understand the challenges that states are facing. I am confident that APS will work with us to ensure that our *SoonerCare* program reaches a high level of excellence.”

“We are eager to work with OHCA to ensure Oklahoma’s Medicaid members receive the quality healthcare they need,” said David Hunsaker, president, APS’ Public Programs division. “By ensuring *SoonerCare* members receive high quality healthcare and offering state-of-the-art health information technology for efficient decision support, we will help the state better manage overall healthcare resources.”

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APS is one of the country's leaders in providing services to Medicaid programs and currently serves clients representing more than 30 percent of the nation's Medicaid population. The Oklahoma utilization management contract builds on APS' core strength of combining informatics services, market leading technology and a clinically solid local delivery model to deliver programs that improve quality of care.

"The expansion of our relationship with Oklahoma confirms that APS is a leader in providing customized services to state Medicaid programs," said Eileen Auen, CEO, APS. "We are looking forward to strengthening our association with the state of Oklahoma."

The agreement took effect July 1, 2006, and will be administered out of APS' Oklahoma City service center.

About APS

APS Healthcare, headquartered in Silver Spring, Md., is a leading provider of specialty healthcare solutions that cover more than 20 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico. APS offers customized, integrated healthcare solutions across three major healthcare product lines – health management services, behavioral health services, and quality improvement programs. APS operates under the belief that managing healthcare for the mind and body improves overall health and reduces total healthcare spending. For more information, visit www.apshealthcare.com.