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MetroPlus Health Plan Named Number One Medicaid Managed Care Plan in New York City for Third Consecutive Year

New York, NY, March 28, 2008-- MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. has again been rated the number one Medicaid Managed Care health plan in New York City based on indicators chosen by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and recently published in the NYSDOH 2007 Consumer's Guide to Medicaid Managed Care in New York City.

The guide, based in part on quality ratings submitted by the health plans and a NY State Department of Health member satisfaction survey, shows MetroPlus with an eighty-two percent overall rating, putting it first among New York City's fifteen Medicaid Managed Care plans. The ratings are based on measures including plans' preventive and well-care for adults and children; quality of care provided to members with illnesses and patient satisfaction with access and service. MetroPlus improved upon its 2006 rating by five percent.

"We are very pleased with this recognition of our efforts," said Arnold Saperstein, M.D., CEO of MetroPlus. "Working to continually improve in every way is a cornerstone of our strategic plan and it is gratifying to have our success acknowledged for the third year in a row. When we say 'You're #1 With Us!' we really mean it."

In addition to Medicaid Managed Care, MetroPlus offers Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus to eligible people living in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens. The Plan also operates Partnership in Care, a Special Needs Plan (SNP) for people with HIV and their families, the largest such program in the U.S.

In 2007, MetroPlus began offering Medicaid Advantage Plans including MetroPlus Medicare Advantage, for those who are eligible for Medicare and receive full or partial Medicaid benefits; MetroPlus Medicare Advantage Select, for those eligible for Medicare and for full Medicaid benefits and MetroPlus Medicare Advantage Partnership in Care, for people with HIV/AIDS eligible for Medicare with or without Medicaid.

MetroPlus, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary in 2006, has a vast network of primary care doctors and specialists that includes many independent community providers. The Plan places a high priority on member education by providing numerous health education resources, including an award-winning, multilingual, quarterly member newsletter, and on devising strategies to help members use the Plan most effectively. MetroPlus' robust case management programs encourage members to partner with their providers to promote the best possible health outcomes. Plan staff is drawn from the communities that MetroPlus serves and speaks over seventy languages.

MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. is a prepaid health services plan certified under Section 4403-a of the New York Public Health Law and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC).