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MetroPlus Health Plan to Offer Medicare Advantage Plans

October 15, 2007--The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a request for MetroPlus Health Plan to offer managed care coverage to Medicare beneficiaries in four New York City boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx and Queens.

“We are pleased to offer Medicare benefits, enabling us to extend health insurance coverage to a wider audience,” said Arnold Saperstein, MD, President and CEO of MetroPlus. “Expanding coverage to Medicare beneficiaries ties into the MetroPlus mission of promoting the health and welfare of all New Yorkers while building on our history of community involvement together with our understanding of and sensitivity to New York City’s diverse populations.”

MetroPlus will offer several products 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 offers government-sponsored health insurance including Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus. In 2006, for the second, consecutive year, MetroPlus was rated the number one Medicaid Managed Care health plan in New York based on indicators chosen by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and published in the NYSDOH 2006 Consumer’s Guide to Medicaid Managed Care in New York City. MetroPlus also offers Partnership in Care, an HIV Special Needs Plan (SNP), the largest SNP of its kind in the U.S.

MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc., which began operations in 1985, 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), the largest public health system in the United States.

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