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**Medica is Selected as the Exclusive University of Minnesota Health Plan Administrator**

*Selection Strengthens Six-Year Partnership*

**Minnetonka, Minn.** – Medica today announced that it has been selected by the University of Minnesota to be its exclusive UPlan Medical Administrator. Medica has been one of the University employees’ health plan choices since 2006.

The University conducts a periodic review and rigorous analysis of healthcare contracts. In its latest analysis, the University determined that Medica, as the single health plan administrator, was in the position to best meet its overall needs. Factors in the analysis included such things as provider and administrative quality, provider access, customer service and pricing. The selection of Medica was made after an extensive discussion and evaluation of five health plan candidates.

“We have been pleased with our partnership over the last six years, and are confident that Medica is the right choice for us as the single administrator for the next six. I believe we have selected a ‘best-in-class’ partner for facing the continuing challenges of a changing healthcare market and difficult economic times,” said Dann Chapman, Director of Employee Benefits for the University.

“The University of Minnesota’s selection of Medica as its sole health plan administrator demonstrates our commitment to providing quality, cost-effective health plan services that fits the unique needs of our customers,” said Simeon Schindelman, Medica senior vice president, commercial markets. “For nearly six years, Medica has served the University employees well, including their faculty, staff and family members. And now, we have an opportunity to further strengthen this important partnership.”

As a result of the selection, Medica’s University of Minnesota membership will increase about 58 percent -- from 24,000 people to approximately 38,000 people.

**About Medica**

Medica is a health services company headquartered in Minneapolis and active in the Upper Midwest. With approximately 1.66 million members, the non-profit company provides health care coverage in the employer, individual, Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Part D markets in Minnesota and a growing number of counties in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Medica also offers national network coverage to employers who also have employees outside the Medica regional network.

Medica has the highest accreditation status, Excellent, from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA®) for its Minnesota Medicaid HMO plans and commercial health plans in Minnesota and North Dakota. Medica’s vision is to become the community’s health plan of choice, trusted for its integrity, respected for its service, and admired for its commitment to innovation and efficiency.

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