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Rocky Mountain Health Plans Expands Colorado Springs Provider Network

Expansion allows all RMHP members access to Colorado Springs Health Partners

(COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.) – New agreements between Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP), Colorado Springs Health Partners and both Colorado Springs hospitals offer RMHP Members in the Pikes Peak region more choice for quality health care coverage and access to an expanded network of health care providers.

The move is another step in a long-term, strategic network expansion in the region that began in 2005 when RMHP expanded its market presence through an exclusive arrangement with Memorial Hospital and the Memorial Hospital Medical Network, made up of more than 500 physicians.

Now, through Colorado Springs Health Partners, RMHP Members also have access to the area's largest physician-owned specialty group, with more than 90 physicians covering 18 specialties in 11 locations, including Colorado Springs, Monument and Woodland Park. The network expansion is fully supported by Memorial, which continues to serve as RMHP's exclusive HMO hospital provider in Colorado Springs.

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“This is an exciting and important development for our Members and for our organization,” said John Hopkins, president and CEO, RMHP. “With this significant expansion of our network, we offer our Members greater access to the region’s top group of specialists, state-of-the-art hospital facilities, and a comprehensive range of health plans, all at competitive prices.”

“We are both strong, stable Colorado-owned companies that at heart, place the relationship between the patients and their physicians above everything else,” said Jeff Milburn, vice president of managed care, Colorado Springs Health Partners. “We both share the same values and the same goal — to improve the health of our communities by providing the best possible health care at an affordable price.”

About Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) is a Colorado-based, not-for-profit health plan. Founded in 1974, RMHP offers a wide range of medical benefit options, including PPO, HMO, shared-funding, and self-funded medical plans.

In the 2005 *Health Matters Quality Report* by the Colorado Business Group on Health, RMHP received one of the highest ratings in overall health care. We also received top approval ratings in helpful customer service, speedy approval times, and trouble-free access to specialty care.

For more information, contact Rocky Mountain Health Plans at 888-332-8963 or visit www.rmhp.org.

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