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**CareCore National Balances High Yield Benefit Management
Solutions and Physician Acceptance
at Institute 2007 – AHIP’s Annual Meeting**

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK (JUNE 18, 2007) – CareCore National, an evidence-based specialty benefit management company, will present “Navigating Specialty Benefit Management Solutions in Hostile Markets” at Institute 2007 – America’s Health Insurance Plans’ Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. The breakfast symposium examines opportunities, challenges and best practices in evidence-based management of radiology, cardiology and oncology benefits. The meeting convenes at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21 at the Wynn Hotel.

Rising health care costs affect every American. Specifically, costs associated with providing specialty benefits are increasing at alarming rates. As a result, many health plans are seeking solutions to address managing spending associated with providing specialty services. Among the costliest services to health plans are benefits provided for radiology, cardiology, and oncology, along with pharmaceuticals.

CareCore National which specializes in providing management services for radiology, cardiology and oncology will share its knowledge in these fields. According to presenter Donald Ryan, CareCore National’s CEO, effective management of specialty benefits gives health plans a competitive edge not only in reducing costs, but provide for a comprehensive strategy that improves the quality of care and outcomes for patients. “Health plans need a blueprint for managing specialty benefits – one which provides them with specific results such as cost-effectiveness and greater quality,” says Ryan.

The session gives a balanced assessment of the benefits and risks associated with managing radiology, cardiology, and oncology. It will also identify savings opportunities as well as delivery system responses associated with the implementation and management of specialty benefits programs.

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Attendees will gain greater insight in:

- Identifying quality and financial opportunities and anticipate physician response,
- Learning how to address and gauge provider concerns, and
- Constructing effective and efficient savings solutions including prior authorization, privileging and equipment standards.

Ryan will address these key issues among other best practices for managing specialty benefits at the Institute 2007 breakfast symposium.

For more information on this session or the find out more about specialty benefit management, please call Nikki Henck at (845) 298-8155 extension 10136 or visit www.carecorenational.com.

About CareCore National, LLC

The nation's leader in utilization management, CareCore National's innovative, quality-driven approach, encompassing diagnostic imaging, cardiac care, oncology and radiation therapy, provides comprehensive, seamless solutions to health plan clients. Using evidence-based guidelines to ensure appropriateness, all CareCore National programs effectively reduce cost, improve quality, and streamline patient care. CareCore National's expert staff, comprised of medical directors and nurses, administers the dynamic clinical protocols and progressive approaches required for effective management. CareCore National is the largest specialty benefit management company, covering over 30 million national subscribers, and is certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and Utilization Review and Accreditation Committee (URAC).

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