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**CareCore National Receives URAC Full
Health Utilization Management Accreditation**

Bluffton, SC (September 15, 2008) – CareCore National, a specialty benefit management company, announced today that it has received a full health utilization management accreditation from URAC, a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry.

The URAC Health Utilization Management Accreditation Program ensures that organizations conducting utilization review follow a process that is clinically sound and respect patients’ and providers’ rights while giving payors reasonable guidelines to follow. By receiving this distinction, CareCore National – which provides utilization management of outpatient diagnostic imaging, cardiology imaging incorporating American College of Cardiology-based guidelines, and oncology drugs and adjunctives – assures health plan clients and its members and providers that CareCore National’s practices conform to URAC’s requirements including maintaining the highest confidentiality in utilization management processes.

“Through this accreditation, CareCore National has demonstrated that its management programs have met URAC’s rigorous clinical and service quality standards,” said Donald R. Ryan, CEO. “This commendation recognizes CareCore National’s continued commitment to deliver to our clients the most clinically appropriate management services for their membership.”

“By applying for and receiving full health utilization management accreditation, CareCore National has demonstrated a commitment to quality health care,” said Alan P. Spielman, URAC President and CEO. “Quality health care is crucial to our nation’s welfare and it is important to have organizations that are willing to measure themselves against national standards.”

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is a leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation and certification programs. URAC’s standards keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a mark of distinction for health care organizations to demonstrate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in setting meaningful standards for the health care industry. For more information, visit www.urac.org.

For more information on CareCore National’s accreditation or its management programs, please call Nikki Henck at (845) 298-8155 extension 10136, email nhenck@carecorenational.com or visit www.carecorenational.com.

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About CareCore National, LLC

CareCore National is a specialty benefit management company that delivers powerful quality and utilization management solutions for radiology, cardiology and oncology services. Our innovative and quality-driven approach has made us one of the country's fastest-growing specialty benefits management company.

Founded in 1994, CareCore National has taken its industry leading expertise in managing both quality and utilization of outpatient diagnostic studies and added first-in-marketplace management of cardiac imaging, implantable devices, radiation therapy and high cost injectible drugs primarily related to cancer care. Through our robust product offerings, CareCore National works with health plan clients to improve utilization and enhance quality. Our expert staff of medical directors and nurses administers the dynamic clinical protocols and innovative approaches needed to deliver first-class specialty benefits management. CareCore National is URAC accredited in Health Utilization Management and certified by NCQA in Utilization Management. For more information, visit www.carecorenational.com.