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Medical Network Joins Credentialing Initiative

HealthCare Administrative Solutions (HCAS) is pleased to announce that Medical Network, Inc., will begin participation in the streamlined provider credentialing initiative effective February 20, 2009.

Medical Network, Inc. (MedNet) is a physician-directed, Maine-based organization dedicated to building a sustainable model of health care delivery. Robert Hillman, Chief Executive Officer, MedNet, said, "The credentialing initiative offers a streamlined and simplified method for providers using the CAQH online application process."

HCAS was pleased to announce the continued expansion of provider administrative simplification efforts in the state of Maine. "This is an opportunity to assist providers in reducing administrative work to allow more time to focus on patient care," said Lori Burgiel, Executive Director, HCAS.

In 2007, HCAS implemented a streamlined credentialing process in New England that reduces the amount of time providers spend on administrative tasks. The process includes a single point-of-entry for providers to submit information used to assess a provider's qualifications to treat patients and to participate in health plan networks.

For more information on the credentialing initiative, visit the HCAS Web site at www.hcasma.org, or to learn more about Medical Network, visit <http://www.mainemednet.com>.

HealthCare Administrative Solutions, Inc. (HCAS) is a non-profit entity founded in January 2005 by several Massachusetts health plans to collaborate on administrative simplification initiatives. Participating organizations include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Fallon Community Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Medical Network, Neighborhood Health Plan, Network Health and Tufts Health Plan.