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FORESEE HEALTH RECEIVES URAC CASE MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION

Chesterfield, MO – ForeSee Health announced today that it has been awarded Case Management Accreditation for its ExtraCare program from URAC, a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry. URAC’s Case Management Accreditation standards require companies to establish a process to assess, plan and implement case management interventions. ForeSee Health was awarded full accreditation of its Disease Management programs including diabetes, asthma, heart failure, and COPD in 2006.

“ForeSee Health is honored to receive Case Management Accreditation from URAC,” said Philip H. Slavin, Vice President, and Operations of ForeSee Health. “We are very pleased to be recognized in the industry for providing outstanding services. Such a distinction also underscores the quality of our work with customers, patients, clients, payors, and providers by demonstrating compliance with national standards for case management services.”

“By applying for and receiving URAC Case Management Accreditation, ForeSee Health 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 and undergo rigorous evaluation by an independent accrediting body.”

URAC’s Case Management Accreditation standards address approaches to ensuring appropriate patient protections have been established, such as policies for confidentiality of patient information, informed consent, dispute resolution, and other issues. The standards cover staff structure and qualifications, quality improvement, information management, oversight of delegated functions, ethics, complaints, and the case management process. URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is a leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation and certification programs. For more information, visit www.uran.org.

ForeSee Health is a care management company operating as a division of Mercy Health Plans, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri. ForeSee provides disease management services including diabetes, asthma, heart failure, COPD, and complex care management services (ExtraCare) to 150,000 enrollees. ForeSee markets its services to self-insured employers, Third Party Administrators, institutions, government entities, and labor health and welfare funds throughout the Midwest.

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