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Neighborhood Health Providers, LLC Completes Acquisition and Significantly Expands Membership Base in New York City

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Neighborhood Health Providers LLC (NHP), a provider sponsored health plan serving New York City and Suffolk County residents, has announced the completion of an agreement with NewYork-Presbyterian Community Health Plan for the transfer of members effective April 1st. The membership transfer increases NHP's enrollment by more than 100,000 members. As of April 1st, Neighborhood Health Providers has over 203,000 members enrolled.

NHP offers Medicaid managed care, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicare Advantage coverage to New Yorkers. The Plan has been operating since 1995 and is sponsored by The Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center and the Jamaica Hospital Medical Center. The Plan has achieved steady growth during the past fourteen years through provider network expansion, member retention initiatives, and via acquisition. This recent transaction follows the acquisition of Suffolk Health Plan in October 2008. NHP added 16,000 members to the Plan's portfolio and expanded its service area as a result of that purchase.

Neighborhood Health Providers has expanded its member and provider service center operations located in Charlotte, North Carolina, New York, New York and Islandia, New York. Regina Perez, NHP's Senior Vice President of Marketing and Network Contracting, comments, "This transition makes sense because NHP was already working with a majority of the providers that our new members visit for care. We want to be sure that the transition is a smooth one and our service centers are ready to assist with any member concerns."

Neighborhood Health Providers provides administrative services to its members and providers through Royal Health Care, its affiliated management services organization. Royal uses the PEGASYS managed care transaction system and HMA, its care management application, to process eligibility, claims, and to monitor care patterns. Edward Cotes, NHP's Chief Operating Officer states, "Our Plan's transaction software, PEGASYS and HMA, is a key factor in our ability to absorb additional members and to ensure that we are providing appropriate health care services. It allows us to streamline our processing and, at the same time, retain our need for flexible contracting and robust data reporting." In 2008, Neighborhood Health Providers ranked #2 among New York State government program plans in HEDIS/Quality Assurance Reporting and achieved the State's highest benchmark for financial rewards related to performance.

Steven J. Bory, the President and Chief Executive Officer since NHP's inception, stated, "We have been successful and have achieved steady growth by working closely with members and providers in the communities we serve. We have the foundation in place to expand NHP and we look forward to serving our new members."

About Neighborhood Health Providers

Neighborhood Health Providers, LLC is a provider sponsored health plan serving New York City and Suffolk County residents and offering Medicaid managed care, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicare Advantage products. NHP was founded in 1995 and is headquartered in New York, NY. For more information, visit www.getnhp.com or call 212-808-4775.