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News Release

MISSOURI CARE WINS CONTRACTS FOR CENTRAL, EASTERN AND WESTERN MISSOURI MEDICAID

COLUMBIA, MO -- Missouri Care Health Plan has been notified that the state of Missouri, MO HealthNet Division awarded a MO HealthNet Managed Care contract to Missouri Care, an Aetna health plan, in Central, Eastern and Western regions of Missouri. This new contract renews and expands the state's current contract with Missouri Care.

For the past 11 years, Missouri Care has provided health care coverage in Central Missouri for MO HealthNet health care programs that include MO HealthNet for Kids, MO HealthNet for Pregnant Women, MO HealthNet for Families, MO HealthNet children in the care and custody of the State, and children eligible for coverage under Missouri's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Missouri Care currently has a network of more than 3,600 providers and 27 hospitals serving members in 28 mid-Missouri counties. Upon initiation of the new contract, to begin October 2009, Missouri Care will offer coverage in an additional 13 counties in the Eastern Region (including St. Louis) and 13 counties in the Western Region (including Kansas City) with an expanded provider network. The expanded network includes more than 2,620 providers, 23 hospitals and 53 clinics which will include safety-net providers, such as Federally Qualified Rural Health Centers.

"We are excited to continue our long-term commitment to Missouri and expand our outreach to other areas of the state," said Pamela Johnson, executive director for Missouri

Care, an Aetna health plan. “Our priority is to provide access to quality care for members and to help establish health care homes. We will continue to work with providers to implement programs that improve the quality of care for healthy outcomes.”

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