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Hygeia Corporation Acquired by UnitedHealth Group International

Transaction Combines Leading International Health Service Intermediary with America's Largest and Most Diverse Health Care Services Company.

Miami Lakes, Florida, October 24, 2006 - UnitedHealth Group International (UHGI), a division of UnitedHealth Group, has completed the acquisition of Hygeia Corporation.

"Hygeia has earned its position as the acknowledged leader in managing international patient transactions in the U.S. healthcare market. We are now joining an enterprise with a long track record of innovation and value-added services for customers," said Virgil Bretz, Hygeia's CEO. "This is an exciting opportunity for our team and the terrific clients that we have been so proud to serve over the past 11 years. Greater reach, an expanded product line, and an unbeatable medical services provider network will enable us to once again set the benchmark for excellence in managing healthcare services and costs."

"Hygeia has been a recognized leader in the Inbound Travel Industry segment, through the development of a strong customer base, as well as employing a leading technological infrastructure to meet client needs," said Simon Stevens, President, UnitedHealth Group International. "Now the company will deliver even stronger results for the international market by drawing on the market strength, data, and tools from UnitedHealth Group."

Through Hygeia, assistance companies, TPAs, insurers and reinsurers will be able to access UnitedHealth's strong national network, product innovations, superior technology applications and other value-added services. Hygeia and the Hygeia brand will continue to operate and grow, led by its current executive and management team, while taking advantage of the resources and capabilities of UnitedHealth Group.

About UnitedHealth Group International

UnitedHealth Group International, with operations in Asia, Europe and the Americas, is a division of UnitedHealth Group. UnitedHealth Group (www.unitedhealthgroup.com) is a diversified health and well-being company dedicated to making health care work better. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., UnitedHealth Group offers a broad spectrum of products and services through six operating businesses: UnitedHealthcare, Ovations, AmeriChoice, Uniprise, Specialized Care Services and Ingenix. Through its family of businesses, UnitedHealth Group serves approximately 70 million individuals in the United States.

About Hygeia

Hygeia is a Health Service Intermediary, and is the leading provider of U.S. PPO and Arbitration services to the international health insurance market. The Company manages the greatest volume of international claims incurred by foreign patients. With unmatched customer service, award winning technology and a dedicated team of professionals, the Company offers a suite of medical cost containment solutions to the world's best Assistance Companies, TPAs, Insurers and Reinsurers.