



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **UNISON HEALTH PLAN & DELAWARE PHYSICIANS CARE INC EARN DELAWARE MANAGED CARE CONTRACT**

Delaware - Unison Health Plan and Delaware Physicians Care, Inc were awarded a contract by Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) to provide comprehensive health care services to the state's Medicaid consumers beginning July 1, 2007.

“We’re happy to be able to offer Medicaid recipients the ability to choose a health plan with several quality options,” said Harry Hill, Division Director, Medicaid and Medical Services. “This partnership enables us to continue to achieve high quality, yet cost-effective health care for Delawareans in need.”

“Unison is proud to be one of only two health plans selected to offer coverage to approximately 120,000 adults and children covered under Delaware’s Diamond State Health Plan (DSHP) and the Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP),” Stephan Yelenik, President of Unison Health Plan of Delaware, explains.

The mission of the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance is to improve health outcomes by ensuring that the highest quality medical services are provided to the vulnerable populations of Delaware in the most cost effective manner. DMMA administers five major health care programs: Medicaid; Delaware Healthy Children Program (also known as CHIP); Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP) – a fully state-funded program offering prescription coverage to the elderly and adults with disabilities; Chronic Renal Disease Program – a fully state-funded program which provides services to individuals with renal disease; and the Non-Citizen Healthcare Program – a fully state-funded program which provides coverage to legally residing non-citizens who are not eligible for Medicaid. In combination, these programs provide health coverage to approximately 160,000 individuals each month.

Medicaid, alone, currently has approximately 143,000 enrollees. That is more than 1 out of 6 Delawareans.

Medicaid furnishes medical assistance to eligible low-income families and to eligible aged, blind and/or disabled people whose income is insufficient to meet the cost of necessary medical services. Medicaid pays for: doctor visits, hospital care, labs, prescription drugs, transportation, routine shots for children, mental health and substance abuse services.

For more information on Medicaid visit <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/> or call 800-372-2022

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