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### **NORCAL Acquires the Endorsement of Alaska Physicians & Surgeons, Inc.**

*San Francisco, CA (November 15, 2006)* – NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company announced today that it has acquired the formal endorsement of Alaska Physicians & Surgeons, Inc. (APS).

Earlier this year, NORCAL met with APS representatives to discuss the superior protection, service and value NORCAL can provide the medical society's member physicians and medical groups. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors for APS voted to endorse NORCAL. NORCAL is the first professional liability insurance company to receive the society's endorsement.

APS is an association of 165 specialty surgeons and physicians practicing throughout the state of Alaska. Founded in 1996, the group came together to provide responsible and accountable patient care that is physician directed, patient centered and cost effective.

"As a long-standing supporter of organized medicine, NORCAL is pleased to have the endorsement of Alaska Physicians & Surgeons, an organization that is deeply committed to patient safety, tort reform and other important medical-legal issues in the state of Alaska," said James Sunseri, President & CEO of NORCAL. "With the addition of APS, we now have 31 medical society endorsements nationwide, including 28 endorsing California county medical societies, the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California and the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS). On behalf of NORCAL and all of our employees, I want to welcome APS to the NORCAL family. We all look forward to a long and successful partnership together."

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**NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company** was formed in 1975 to provide the highest quality medical professional liability insurance, products and services to its policyholders. NORCAL insures over 12,000 physicians, medical groups, hospitals, clinics and healthcare facilities primarily in Rhode Island, California and Alaska.

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