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NORCAL Mutual Helps Fund Alaska's First Medicare Clinic

San Francisco, CA (June 15, 2011) — On May 19, Anchorage became home to Alaska's first Medicare clinic, the Alaska Medicare Clinic at 11260 Old Seward Highway. The need for such a clinic came as a result of a severe lack of primary care physicians in the area who were accepting new Medicare patients. "NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company, a medical professional liability insurer in Alaska, was pleased to be able to financially support the development of this vitally important community-based service. Through the hard-work and dedication of our policyholder owners, we are committed to ensuring that all people, regardless of their financial circumstances, are able to receive high-quality healthcare," commented Jim Sunseri, President & CEO of NORCAL Mutual.

The new Alaska Medicare Clinic will provide all healthcare services found in a traditional physician's office, including management of acute and chronic illnesses. The clinic will offer laboratory and imaging services onsite, and will also be integrated with local specialists to ensure continuity of care for patients in the community. It will be open to all patients who have Medicare as their primary or secondary insurance. The Alaska Medicare Clinic will operate on a pod model, in which each medical "pod" or team at the clinic – consisting of a nurse, certified medical assistant, and physician – will be responsible for three exam rooms. Such models are commonly employed in primary care clinics.

Alaska Physicians and Surgeons, Alaska State Medical Association, Providence Hospital, the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, and Dr. George Rhyneer, Sr. all played crucial roles in making their vision for the clinic a reality. Along with their hard work, funding was made possible by a \$1 million grant from the state of Alaska and contributions from several donors, including NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company, Alaska State Medical Association, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Providence Health & Services Alaska, Amerinet, Alaska Physicians & Surgeons, McKinley Capital Management, Dr. James O'Malley, and the Rhyneer Clinic. Medical liability coverage for the clinic will be provided by NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company.

More information about Alaska Medicare Clinic can be found online at www.alaskamedicareclinic.org, or by calling 907-433-5100. The clinic will be open

Monday through Friday, and will accept all patients who have Medicare as their primary or secondary insurance.

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