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New Board Chair and New Board Member Appointed for NORCAL Group Companies

San Francisco (June 10, 2011) — NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company and PMSLIC Insurance Company, two of the medical professional liability carriers in the NORCAL Group, have appointed Jaan E. Sidorov, MD, as Chair of their respective Boards of Directors, effective June 4, 2011. Dr. Sidorov replaces outgoing Board Chair David R. Holley, MD. The two boards also have a new member, Sandra Beretta, MD.

Dr. Sidorov is President of PMSLIC and has been a Director of the PMSLIC Board since March 1998, serving as Chair from 2004 to 2008. He joined the NORCAL Mutual Board on January 1, 2009, and has been Secretary of both companies' boards since June 2010.

A primary care physician in Harrisburg, PA, Dr. Sidorov has extensive knowledge of health insurance, corporate governance, health service research, disease management and health care quality. He is recipient of the 2010 Laureate Award by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

Outgoing Board Chair Dr. Holley, a radiologist in Monterey, CA, had been on the Board since 1995, serving as Chair since January 2008. He served as Board Secretary from 1996 to 2007, and as Vice Chair from June to December of 2007.

"It is a privilege to serve an organization dedicated to protecting not only individual policyholders but the overall practice of medicine," Dr Sidorov said. "I look forward to helping the NORCAL Group meet emerging needs in the rapidly changing healthcare landscape."

The new member of the NORCAL Mutual and PMSLIC Boards is Sandra Beretta, MD, an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice in San Mateo, CA. She has served on NORCAL Mutual's Claims Advisory Committee since 2003. Dr. Beretta served as Department Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mills-Peninsula Hospital 2002–2006. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company was formed by physicians in 1975 to provide the highest quality medical professional liability insurance products and services to its policyholder-owners. The company insures nearly 20,000 physicians and other healthcare professionals in solo practice, medical groups, hospitals, clinics and allied healthcare facilities in California, Alaska and Rhode Island.

PMSLIC Insurance Company is the carrier of choice for medical professional liability insurance among physicians in Pennsylvania and Delaware. As part of the NORCAL Group, the company is wholly owned by NORCAL Mutual.

NORCAL Group includes medical professional liability carriers NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company and PMSLIC Insurance Company, managing general agent Specialty Program Managers and specialty program OB Protect. NORCAL Group is rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best.