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## **For Immediate Release**

### **SAINT ELIZABETH, THE PHYSICIAN NETWORK AND UNITEDHEALTHCARE SIGN NEW MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT**

- *UnitedHealthcare customers will have continued access to Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and The Physician Network providers and services*

**LINCOLN, Neb. (Sept. 4, 2008)** – Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, The Physician Network and UnitedHealthcare, a UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) company, announced that they have signed a new multi-year agreement.

The new agreements provide UnitedHealthcare commercial, Medicare and Medicaid health plan participants uninterrupted access to Saint Elizabeth and The Physician Network health care providers and services.

“Our agreement with Saint Elizabeth and The Physician Network demonstrates UnitedHealthcare’s continued commitment to provide access to quality, affordable healthcare for our customers,” said Bill Tracy, president and CEO of UnitedHealthcare in Nebraska. “We are pleased that, with these long-term agreements, we can continue to provide our members with local access to our broad physician and hospital network in Lincoln and the surrounding area.”

UnitedHealthcare members have access to an extensive network of nearly 100 hospitals and more than 4,000 physicians throughout Nebraska.

“Both Saint Elizabeth and The Physician Network look forward to continuing our collaboration with UnitedHealthcare and bringing our extraordinary care to more members of our community,” said Jeanette Wojtalewicz, vice president-finance and CFO, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center.

Alan Uden, CFO of The Physician Network, said: “Saint Elizabeth and The Physician Network understand that our team of physicians and health care providers offer quality services. We are pleased that our new agreements with UnitedHealthcare will enable our patients to preserve their access to these outstanding leaders in medicine.”

Patients who have additional questions can call the Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center toll-free number at 1-877-329-2211 or log on to [www.SaintElizabethOnline.com](http://www.SaintElizabethOnline.com).

#### **About Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center**

Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center ([www.SaintElizabethOnline.org](http://www.SaintElizabethOnline.org)) offers innovative programs, designs and technological advancements as they continue to take healthcare to a higher level. They are among “America’s Best Hospitals” by *U.S. News & World Report*; four times they have been named a 100 Top Hospital<sup>®</sup> by Thompson; and earned prestigious Magnet status, the highest award in nursing. Their Radiation Therapy Center and Surgical Robotic Center are among their latest advancements to better serve the community. While embracing breakthrough technology, treatments and research, they also embrace traditions rich in spirituality, deeply rooted in their Catholic heritage. They are also one of around 77 hospitals in the nation affiliated with Catholic Health Initiatives.

#### **About The Physician Network**

The Physician Network is a network of approximately 15 clinics located within Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska with over 90 physicians providing family and specialty care and includes urgent care clinics, home and hospice care; physical therapy centers; and an occupational health program for a healthy workplace, and more.

#### **About UnitedHealthcare**

UnitedHealthcare ([www.unitedhealthcare.com](http://www.unitedhealthcare.com)) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes, including more than half of the Fortune 100 companies. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of more than 25 million individual consumers, contracting directly with more than 560,000 physicians and care professionals and 4,800 hospitals to offer them broad, convenient access to services nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.