

News Release

Catholic Healthcare West and Universal Health Services, Inc., to Develop New Company in Nevada

Reno, Nevada, July 7, 2009: Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), parent company of Saint Mary's Health Plans, and Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS), two premier health system companies, announced today the creation of a new preferred provider organization (PPO) in Nevada, *Nevada Preferred Healthcare Providers*. CHW and UHS combined their Nevada medical network businesses to form the largest, Nevada-based, independent *statewide* PPO network.

The new medical PPO combines the provider network assets of Saint Mary's Preferred Health Care Network, Nevada Preferred Professionals and Universal Health Network, to offer a comprehensive, *statewide* medical network with competitive pricing and multiple products. The new network is managed by Don Kowitz, CEO of Saint Mary's Health Plans, and Mary Hoover, Vice President of Universal Health Network and Nevada Preferred Professionals. Mr. Kowitz will serve as the CEO of the new venture and Ms. Hoover will be the venture's COO. They each bring over 25 years of experience in the health care industry to the new company, located at 639 Isbell Road, Reno, Nevada.

The union of two of the most well-respected managed-care organizations in Nevada enhances opportunities to meet the state's healthcare needs. *Nevada Preferred* serves over 150,000 members in the metropolitan and rural areas of Nevada, competing effectively by offering a stable, comprehensive, statewide network of quality providers, innovative pricing methods and greater automation. *Nevada Preferred's* core business is networks, and its clients include self-funded employer groups, third party administrators and insurance companies.

The joint venture between CHW and UHS, Inc. brings together years of experience, between the two entities which collectively operate 66 acute care hospitals throughout the nation.

Along with a sound reputation and comprehensive quality of care, members receive services from over 10,500 combined hospital employees and over 5,300 providers who live and work next to the members for

whom they provide care. Members of *Nevada Preferred* can feel confident they are receiving excellent service with a strong focus on wellness and prevention as illustrated in the HealthInsight 2008, *National Rankings for Hospitals per State* (www.healthinsight.org), where seven of the top ten-ranked hospitals are part of the CHW and UHS systems.

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), founded in 1986, offers services in Arizona, California and Nevada. It is the eighth largest not-for-profit hospital provider in the nation and the largest hospital system in California. CHW successfully operates four hospitals in Nevada, and a health plans division including HMO, PPO, third party administration and utilization management services and health enhancement programs.

Universal Health Services, Inc., (UHS) a Fortune 500 Company, began operations in 1978, and is one of the largest and most respected hospital management companies in the nation. UHS is committed to Nevada with six acute care hospitals, a behavioral health facility, a surgery center and two statewide PPO networks.