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Innovative Care Systems Earns Benchmark SAS 70 Certification of Internal Controls for Information Systems and Customer Applications

Independent Audit Documents Performance on 30 Control Objectives, Assuring Clients of Adherence to Rigorous Industry Standards

TORRANCE, Calif. – May 12, 2009 – Innovative Care Systems (ICS) has received SAS 70 Type II certification of the internal controls related to its information systems environment and customer applications. ICS is a third-party administrator of group disability benefit plans and leave of absence policies, with services designed to improve productivity, control costs and reduce the administrative burden on employers.

In today's global economy, service providers must demonstrate adequate controls and safeguards when they host or process data belonging to their customers. Based on a widely recognized auditing standard developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and performed by an independent auditor, SAS 70 certification is the authoritative guidance allowing service providers to disclose control activities and processes to their customers and their customers' auditors in a uniform reporting format.

Successful completion of an SAS 70 independent audit differentiates a service provider from its peers and can contribute significantly to building trust between the provider and its customers. In addition, without such a report, customers would likely incur additional costs to send their own auditors to perform such a review. SAS 70 audit reports are also used by the provider's customers in reporting on the effectiveness of their internal control over financial reporting, under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The SAS 70 audit of ICS evaluated 30 separate control objectives, many with several specific aspects, in the areas of operations and information technology. In every case, the reported test result was that "there were no exceptions noted for the tests of these control procedures." ICS has now completed a Type II audit which not only includes the service organization's description of controls, but detailed testing of those controls. Privacy and security are essential components of third-party administration, and SAS 70 certification will provide an essential demonstration of the quality of ICS internal controls.

"We are very proud to have achieved this significant certification. SAS 70 certification has become a critical component of benefit administration proposal responses, and we expect most employers to require them from their third-party administrator partners," said ICS President Bob Trotta. "The integrity of our internal controls is a fundamental cornerstone of our ability to instill confidence with our clients that our services are accurate, reliable and timely."

ICS manages short-term disability claims for employer clients and in conjunction with insurance carrier partnerships. A particular area of expertise for ICS is in the design, implementation and administration of private, self-insured California State Disability Insurance Plans called Voluntary Disability Insurance Plans ("VDI").

The ICS leave of absence management program includes the intake, adjudication and reporting on federal and state family and medical leave requests and employer-sponsored leaves for its clients. ICS concierge service focuses on employee advocacy and facilitating health and productivity improvement. Solid internal controls are essential to ensuring quality service for individuals accessing income replacement benefits or seeking job protection rights while off work.

For more information on Innovative Care Systems, visit www.innovativecaresystems.com.

About Innovative Care Systems

Innovative Care Systems (ICS) is a third-party administrator of all aspects of leaves of absence and group disability claims offering complete solutions to improve productivity, control costs and reduce the administrative burden for employers. For more than a decade, ICS has developed and managed programs that make it easy for employers to control costs while caring for their employees. ICS has the experience and expertise to create custom benefit programs to meet unique needs. For more information, call 800-965-1444, email sales@innovativecaresystems.com, or visit www.innovativecaresystems.com.