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CLEVELAND CLINIC COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN PARTNERSHIP, JOHNS HOPKINS HEALTHCARE JOIN MORE THAN 500 ORGANIZATIONS IN SIMPLIFYING PROVIDER DATA COLLECTION

Twenty Organizations Sign On to CAQH UPD Service in Second Quarter

Washington, DC (July 30, 2009) — CAQH[®] announced today that an additional 20 organizations are eliminating redundant processes and streamlining provider data collection through its Universal Provider Datasource[®] (UPD) online service.

Participating organizations joining UPD since April include nine health plans, eight provider groups, and three hospitals. Among this group is the largest physician organization in Northeast Ohio, Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership, which is comprised of more than 3,900 physicians; as well as Johns Hopkins HealthCare, which develops and manages benefits administration services for managed care organizations, government entities, employers, hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers.

UPD is enabling more than 500 health plans, hospitals and other managed care organizations to electronically collect provider information for credentialing and additional uses. The breadth of organizations using the UPD service is expanding, with significant growth in the hospital sector over the last year. Almost 50 hospitals are now participating in UPD.

“UPD is the industry standard for collecting provider information and its value is being recognized across a wide range of organizations,” said Sorin Davis, CAQH director of marketing and business development. “The benefits that come with access to timely, streamlined provider data are being applied to credentialing, quality assurance, directories and more.”

CAQH launched the UPD service in 2002 to enable providers and other health professionals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to submit required information for credentialing and other purposes. Providers enter their information once through a secure, centralized, online database to meet the data-collection needs of participating organizations. Once authorized by the physician, these organizations have instant access to information in the UPD system. All data submitted by providers through the UPD service is maintained by CAQH in a state-of-the-art data center. Free to providers, UPD eliminates the need to complete multiple credentialing applications.

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Currently, over 740,000 providers submit their data through UPD. CAQH estimates that UPD has eliminated more than 2.1 million legacy credentialing applications to date, reducing provider administrative costs by over \$85 million per year.

About CAQH

CAQH, a nonprofit alliance of health plans and trade associations, serves as a catalyst for healthcare industry collaboration on initiatives that simplify and streamline healthcare administration. CAQH solutions help promote quality interactions between plans, providers and other stakeholders, reduce costs and frustrations associated with healthcare administration, facilitate administrative healthcare information exchange and encourage administrative and clinical data integration.

To learn more about UPD and CAQH, visit www.caqh.org.

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