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UNITEDHEALTHCARE BRINGS QUALITY HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR HAWAII SENIORS

New Medicare Drug Plan Included

HONOLULU -- Hawaii Insurance Commissioner J. P. Schmidt today announced that UnitedHealthcare will now offer healthcare coverage to Medicare-eligible individuals across the entire State of Hawaii.

The UnitedHealthcare Medicare Complete product line has a range of products for the Medicare population which includes:

- A regional and local Preferred Provider Organization
- A Special Needs Plan designed for Medicare-eligible individuals who also have Medicaid coverage
- Offerings for employer and union group retirees

UnitedHealthcare is also approved to provide the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan in Hawaii.

“We are happy to have UnitedHealthcare doing business in Hawaii. Their expertise and resources provide our seniors with alternatives and additional competition in this important segment of the market,” said Insurance Commissioner J.P. Schmidt.

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company is a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group, a diversified Fortune 500 company that provides resources and services to help people achieve improved health and well-being through all stages of life. Through its family of products, UnitedHealth Group serves more than 55 million individuals. UnitedHealthcare serves approximately 380,000 Medicare Advantage enrollees nationwide.

“UnitedHealthcare is pleased to be serving Medicare-eligible individuals in the Hawaii market. We are very excited to be the only plan in Hawaii offering a zero premium plan with Part D prescription drugs for 2006,” said David Heywood, Executive Director of UnitedHealthcare for Hawaii.

The UnitedHealthcare Medicare Complete is a “zero premium” plan, meaning that a member pays no additional premium for their plan’s coverage as long as they maintain their Medicare Part B coverage option.

Additional protection against high medical costs is provided through the plan’s out-of-pocket maximums, which put an annual limit on members’ personal expenses. In addition, the plan’s “Passport” feature allows members traveling outside of their service area to seek network care wherever UnitedHealthcare’s Medicare Complete product is offered; members are always covered for worldwide emergency and urgent care. Members of the Medicare Complete Choice plan will also be enrolled in the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan at no additional cost.

UnitedHealthcare has a local presence in the islands with a management team, customer service, sales group, and contracted provider network. For additional information about UnitedHealthcare’s Medicare Complete program, its service area and products, please contact the company directly at 1-866-391-6664.

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