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## **PROMUTUAL GROUP ACHIEVES ACCME ACCREDITATION**

*Expands continuing medical education activities to physicians nationwide*

**Boston, MA** – ProMutual Group, a leading provider of medical malpractice liability insurance in the Northeast, was recently awarded a two year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The company met all compliance standards and received exemplary compliance findings for two of the required criteria. This accreditation certifies ProMutual Group as a provider of continuing medical education (CME) activities for physicians.

The ACCME defines CME as educational activities which serve to maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession. ProMutual Group's ACCME accreditation will allow the company to designate CME credits in risk management to physicians that are required to earn these in order to maintain their licenses as well as their hospital privileges. Historically dedicated to providing quality risk management and education programs, ProMutual Group joins a small group of only 11 medical liability insurance companies in the United States that have been accredited by the ACCME as of 2005.

To become ACCME accredited, an organization must undergo a rigorous evaluation of their overall CME program. Each accredited organization is required to demonstrate compliance with ACCME criteria, and is measured according to the standards set forth by the seven member organizations of ACCME. These organizations include the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S. and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

"I am immensely proud of our Risk Management CME Committee who worked to accomplish this milestone at ProMutual Group," said Maureen Mondor, vice president of risk management for ProMutual Group. "This accreditation recognizes that the programs and resources we provide meet the highest quality standards. We look forward to taking this next step in our continued dedication to providing physicians with quality educational programs."

Prior to receiving this accreditation, ProMutual Group had offered CME credits for educational seminars and a quarterly risk management newsletter through joint sponsorship. With the ACCME accreditation, the company plans to build upon this foundation with additional courses available to physicians across the nation. ProMutual Group plans to begin offering online courses early in 2007.

"This achievement is a positive move for us in offering not only our insureds, but healthcare providers nationwide, additional resources, courses and seminars that will educate and also assist them in providing excellent medical care to patients," said Richard W. Brewer, president and CEO of ProMutual Group. "We are committed to providing educational resources to help physicians stay updated with the constantly changing dynamics of practicing medicine. I am

confident that our ACCME accreditation will allow us to continue fulfilling their ongoing educational needs.”

For more information about the ACCME and the accreditation process, visit their web site at [www.accme.org](http://www.accme.org).

### **About ProMutual Group**

ProMutual Group is the largest provider of medical malpractice liability insurance in New England, insuring more than 18,000 physicians, surgeons, and dentists as well as a large number of hospitals, health centers and clinics. It is one of the top 10 medical liability insurance providers in the country based on direct written premium. ProMutual Group has more than \$1.8 billion in admitted assets, \$418 million in policyholder surplus, and \$349 million in direct written premium. ProMutual Group has a Best's Rating of A- (Excellent), and is acknowledged as a leader in providing risk management and claim services.

Based in Massachusetts, ProMutual Group member companies also operate in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. ProMutual Group distributes its products through independent agents. For more information, visit ProMutual Group's web site at [www.promutualgroup.com](http://www.promutualgroup.com).

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