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**PROMUTUAL GROUP WELCOMES DEANNA P. RICKER, M.D., TO ITS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Boston, MA (August 14, 2007) – ProMutual Group, a leading provider of medical malpractice insurance in the northeast, is pleased to announce that its policyholders have voted distinguished Boston ophthalmologist, Deanna P. Ricker, M.D., to its Board of Directors. Dr. Ricker was officially welcomed during the company’s annual meeting on June 6, 2007. She will be joining a board composed mainly of practicing or retired healthcare providers concerned with the needs of the healthcare community.

“We are excited that Deanna will be joining us and are looking forward to working with her to guide ProMutual Group through the company’s future opportunities and challenges,” said Barry M. Manuel, M.D., FACS, chairman of the board for ProMutual Group. “Her extensive experience and knowledge of the concerns of the healthcare community will be an asset to the company and our policyholders.”

Working as a solo practitioner in Needham, Massachusetts, Dr. Ricker has been a healthcare provider in the Greater Boston area since she completed her studies at Harvard Medical School in 1973. From there she went on to her Medical Internship at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Afterwards, she pursued her ophthalmology specialty with a residency at Tufts New England Medical Center and a fellowship at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. She successfully received her board certification in ophthalmology from the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1980.

“I am looking forward to my new responsibilities with ProMutual Group and am excited to contribute to the great work that this company does,” said Dr. Ricker. “I hope that my perspective will provide a new vantage point to further the initiatives of the company and benefit the more than 18,000 healthcare providers it serves.”

Dr. Ricker has a wealth of experience, currently serving on the executive boards of the Middlesex District Medical Society and the Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. Holding a range of positions for both the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), Dr. Ricker is an organized medical staff section delegate for the AMA and is a delegate and alternate trustee for the

MMS as well as chair of the reference committee and former vice-chair of the nominating committee for the society. She also belongs to the New England Ophthalmological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and is a trustee of the Boston Medical Library.

Dr. Ricker currently practices in Needham, Massachusetts and resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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 \$2.1 billion in admitted assets, \$504.7 million in policyholder surplus, and \$338.8 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.

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