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## **NEW HAMPSHIRE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WILL SEE NO RATE CHANGE FROM PROSELECT IN 2007**

**Boston, MA** (October 15, 2007) – It was announced today that New Hampshire healthcare providers will see no change in medical liability insurance rates from ProSelect Insurance Company (“ProMutual Group”) in 2007. The company’s decision will impact close to 750 of New Hampshire’s healthcare providers including individual physicians, hospitals, clinics and physician groups.

The decision to not file for a rate change was reached after a careful analysis of objective data which revealed patterns that clearly supported rate stabilization. The company has also seen no rate increases in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island this year. While the industry is seeing a decrease in the incidence of medical malpractice claims and their severity, the company believes its focus on patient safety and the strong defense of good medicine has had a considerable impact on controlling costs and rate stabilization.

“An industry-wide decrease in the frequency of medical malpractice claims has certainly been beneficial,” acknowledged Richard W. Brewer, president and CEO of ProMutual Group. “However, in the long run the stability of rates comes from the company and its policyholders working together to improve patient safety and provide excellent medical care. We will continue to do everything we can to maintain the current rates through the rigorous defense of claims and by reducing costs through effective risk management.”

To minimize costs and help its insureds mitigate risk, ProMutual Group’s medical risk management staff, the largest in New England, offers office appraisals, continuing medical education activities, customized consultations and quarterly newsletters. Additionally, ProMutual Group is dedicated to the strong defense of good medicine, employing a claims team with diverse backgrounds in healthcare, insurance and law. The company pledges to continue working closely with New Hampshire healthcare providers to support high quality patient care.

“Paying attention to the challenges and needs of New Hampshire’s healthcare providers has allowed us to proactively identify and address patient safety issues before problems arise,” said Maureen Mondor, ProMutual Group’s vice president of risk management. “This approach benefits the company, physicians and patients.”

### **About ProMutual Group**

ProMutual Group is one of the leading providers of medical liability insurance in the Northeast, 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 to the healthcare community.

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