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PROMUTUAL GROUP CONTRIBUTES TO VERMONT PRACTITIONERS HEALTH PROGRAM

Boston, MA (February 26, 2008) –The Vermont Practitioners Health Program, a program of the Vermont Medical Association, was the recipient of a recent donation from ProMutual Group to assist the organization in helping physicians with health problems. A \$6,500 check was presented to David J. Simmons, M.D., FACP, clinical director of the Vermont Practitioners Health Program, at the end of 2007. This donation culminated a year-long series of contributions from ProMutual Group which provided thousands of dollars to support physician health programs throughout the states in which it currently operates.

The Vermont Practitioners Health Program, a six-year-old program, is available to assist healthcare professionals to identify and monitor their health problems which might impair their ability to practice medicine safely. The program acts as an advocate for physicians impacted by health problems by providing compassionate, comprehensive and confidential assistance to medical professionals.

“We are sincerely grateful for ProMutual Group’s support of our Practitioners Health Program,” said Dr. Simmons. “ProMutual Group’s commitment to assisting physicians with health problems is admirable and we appreciate their ongoing support and dedication.”

Recognizing the critical importance of supporting physician well-being, ProMutual Group has donated in excess of \$2.5 million to similar healthcare programs over the last decade. Recipients of the company’s past philanthropic efforts have included the Massachusetts Medical Society’s Physician Health Services, the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Physician Health Program, the Physician Health Program of Maine, The Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey and the New Hampshire Professional Health Program.

“We support the efforts of the physician health programs in all our states of operation and the great work they do to assist caregivers with health problems,” said Richard W. Brewer, ProMutual Group’s CEO and president. “Supporting physician health programs, like Vermont’s, was a natural fit for ProMutual Group. Their mission reflects that of ProMutual Group’s, which is to support physician well-being and their pursuit of providing excellent medical care.”

ProMutual Group has been a dedicated member of Vermont’s healthcare community, providing medical liability insurance to the state’s physicians for close to a decade.

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