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## **DFW Partnership for Peak Health Care Performance Selects Data Aggregator for Diabetes Treatment Program**

**DALLAS – March 5, 2008** – The DFW Partnership for Peak Health Care Performance, a collaborative program led by the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health (DFWBGH) to improve the quality and efficiency of care for chronic illnesses, announced today that it has selected a data aggregator to provide reports on physician-directed therapies in the treatment of diabetes. Austin Provider Solutions (APS) will manage the data for this collaborative program as well as report on the results.

“We’re excited about this opportunity to standardize the performance measurement process across health plans, as this will eliminate a lot of the confusion in the marketplace about how health care quality is defined,” said Marianne Fazen, PhD, executive director of the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health.

The DFW Partnership for Peak Health Care Performance (previously named the DFW Value Driven Health Care Collaborative) involves physicians, employers, health plans and patients in a community-wide initiative developed to improve health care quality and increase awareness of and compliance with recommended care for chronic diseases such as diabetes.

Austin Provider Solutions will receive processed summary data of diabetes-related medical claims submitted by DFW area physicians from the five participating health plans – Aetna, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, CIGNA, Humana and UnitedHealthcare. APS will aggregate the summary data across all five health plans to produce a single set of health care performance ratings for each physician.

The Partnership for Peak Health Care Performance will share initial data from this process with physicians to provide feedback on their own performance in the treatment of diabetes. The Partnership will also use the data to develop and target programs, tools and resources to support physicians’ efforts to improve the quality of diabetes care throughout the community. Later phases of this project will achieve transparency of performance quality data through standardized multi-plan public report cards which will provide consumers information on which to base health care decisions.

### **About Austin Provider Solutions**

Founded in 1995, Austin Provider Solutions provides software and services to managed care organizations, medical groups, independent physician associations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield organizations, state government agencies and quality improvement organizations across the country. APS specializes in HEDIS reporting, provider report cards, quality improvement, data analysis and software development. Austin Provider Solutions’ HEDIS software is certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Austin Provider Solutions serves clients in Texas and across the country. For more information visit their website at: [www.AustinPS.com](http://www.AustinPS.com).

**About the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health**

The Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health is a 130-member coalition of Dallas and Fort Worth area employers committed to market-based health care reform. Activities include: education programs on topics of key interest to employers; quality improvement initiatives providing comparative measures of quality, outcomes and care processes; relationship building initiatives; and legislative updates and analyses. Members include American Airlines, Bell Helicopter-Textron, Brinker International, EDS, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, JC Penney, Neiman Marcus, Sabre Holdings, Southwest Airlines, Texas Instruments, TXU, Verizon and others. A member of the National Business Coalition on Health, DFWBGH's goals are to empower employers to make informed health care purchasing decisions and to encourage health care providers to continuously improve their performance. [www.dfwbgh.org](http://www.dfwbgh.org).

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