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**HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS LICENSES ACCESS EXPRESS™ SOFTWARE TO HILL PHYSICIANS MEDICAL GROUP; HILL PHYSICIANS OFFERS THE MOST EXTENSIVE HMO HEALTHCARE NETWORK IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**--ACCESS EXPRESS™ REACHES FIVE-YEAR MILESTONE PROVIDING WEB-BASED SOFTWARE SYSTEM TO AUTOMATE MANAGED CARE REFERRALS, PHYSICIAN AND HOSPITAL COMMUNICATIONS--**

**FOSTER CITY, CA – Dec. 5, 2007** - Health Access Solutions, the software marketing division of Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc. (PPMSI), today announced that Northern California-based Hill Physicians Medical Group, a recognized leader in quality and innovation in healthcare, has begun installing their Access Express™ web software to automate Hill Physicians' managed care referrals and communications.

In addition to the Hill Physicians contract, Access Express announces that it is marking its fifth year of sustainable growth and unparalleled customer service. Now licensed to manage more than 2 million health plan members in California. Access Express links hospitals, physicians, medical personnel, and payers to improve provider communications and productivity, resulting in enhanced clinical care, patient satisfaction, and financial performance.

Hill Physicians, Northern California's largest independent practice association (IPA), serves 335,000 patients between San Francisco, the East Bay, Solano, Sacramento, and Stockton and includes an extensive HMO healthcare network of more than 3,000 participating physicians and healthcare providers.

Says VP of Clinical Services at Hill Physicians Michael van Duren, MD, MBA, "After thoroughly looking at competing vendors, we found that Health Access Solutions understood our business like no one else did. They know the California market and understand what we are trying to accomplish. We are confident that, with Health Access Solutions, we will improve our physicians' ability to exchange data and expedite quality patient care in a secure environment."

Randall D. Frakes, acting CEO, PPMSI, says, "We are honored that an industry leader like Hill Physicians has placed their confidence in us, and we are excited to welcome them to our growing Health Access Solution 'family' of clients. The Hill Physicians contract represents a five-year milestone in Health Access Solutions' history—serving clients with an unwavering commitment to excellence."

Adds Frakes, "We are steadfast in our overarching promise to exceed Hill Physicians' expectation by providing timely and tailored implementation, and the highest level of customer service, the hallmark of Health Access Solutions."

The Access Express software is interoperable with pharmacy, laboratory, disease management, EHR, EMR, and PHR third party products. It includes decision support tools that are fully customizable for each client—including protocols, guidelines, and care tips that automate referrals and authorizations to deliver instant answers to most provider inquiries. Access Express clients include health plans, IPA administrators, medical groups, specialty providers, community health systems, and hospitals.

#### **ABOUT HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS**

Health Access Solutions, the software marketing division of PPMSI, provides web-based Access Express managed care software that enhances clinical care, patient satisfaction, and financial performance. It links hospitals, physicians, medical personnel, and payers to improve communications and productivity. Access Express offers secure online messaging, interoperability with third party products, HCC optimization, Pay for Performance (P4P) quality tracking, case management, concurrent review, online patient eligibility, benefits, and claims tracking and automated, customizable referral/ authorization processing to avoid costly errors. First introduced in May 2000, Access Express is licensed to manage more than 2 million health plan members. For more information, 800-753-9079. [www.AccessExpress.com](http://www.AccessExpress.com)

#### **ABOUT PACIFIC PARTNERS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. (PPMSI)**

Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc. is a leader in managed care information technology that provides contracting, financial, and administrative services to medical groups and IPAs with 150,000 health plan members. [www.ppmsi.com](http://www.ppmsi.com)

#### **ABOUT HILL PHYSICIANS MEDICAL GROUP**

Hill Physicians Medical Group is Northern California's largest independent practice association (IPA), serving 335,000 patients between San Francisco, the East Bay, Solano, Sacramento, and Stockton. Hill Physicians is a recognized leader in quality and innovation in healthcare. Committed to supporting healthy lifestyles, the company offers its enrollees extensive health education services including wellness classes, health screenings, and self-help through its online health information portal hosted at [www.hillphysicians.com](http://www.hillphysicians.com).

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