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SO. CALIFORNIA-BASED EPIC MANAGEMENT LP LICENSES HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE FOR INSTANT REFERRALS AND DECISION-SUPPORT; 1.1 MILLION MEMBERS NOW LICENSED FOR ACCESS EXPRESS™

FOSTER CITY, CA - FEBRUARY 2, 2006 - Health Access Solutions, the software marketing division of Pacific Partners Management Service, Inc. (PPMSI), today announced that Southern California-based Epic Management L.P. has selected their web-based Access Express™ Software to automate physician managed care communications, bringing total licensed Access Express members to 1.1 million.

Access Express is a Web portal communications tool first introduced in May 2000 that allows affiliated physician offices to perform a wide range of online managed care functions, including eligibility and medical management with expedited authorizations.

PPMSI Chief Operating Officer Randall Frakes, says, "Access Express is a solid innovation that has gained rapid market adoption within the last 12 months, increasing our membership by 50 percent."

He adds, "We will continue to work with health plans, medical groups, and IPAs to create innovative solutions that improve physician connectivity with customer service that consistently exceeds expectations."

Kathy Thunholm, Epic's Vice President for Management Information Systems, says, "We look forward to building a more efficient, patient-centric web based system for all our providers. Access Express will streamline many of our medical management processes, replacing paper-intensive systems with instant automated referrals and decision-support."

Epic Management L.P. is a Southern California MSO which provides practice management and managed care services. EPIC entities have more than 2000 affiliated, contracted, and ancillary providers in San Bernardino and Riverside counties with over 125,000 members in Commercial and Medicare HMOs. Beginning this month, Epic will roll out Access Express throughout their provider network along with their new claims processing system.

Adds Thunholm, "We're particularly impressed with the quality of the Access Express installation team members who worked with us to adapt the software to Epic needs and priorities."

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ABOUT HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS

Health Access Solutions, the software marketing division of PPMSI, provides web-based Access Express managed care software with secure online messaging, utilization review protocols for expedited referrals and authorizations; Care Tips, case management, Pay for Performance quality tracking, HMO member eligibility and claims/capitation tracking. First introduced in May 2000, Access Express is now licensed to manage 1,100,000 health plan members. For more information, call 800-753-9079 www.HealthAccessSolutions.com

ABOUT PACIFIC PARTNERS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. (PPMSI)

Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc., an MSO launched in January 1998, 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

ABOUT EPIC MANAGEMENT L.P.

Epic Management L.P. provides practice management, billing and managed care services to over 2000 affiliated physicians in San Bernardino and Riverside counties who participate in Beaver Medical Group, Pinnacle Medical Group, Redlands Yucaipa Medical Group, Guardian Medical Associates, and Citrus Valley Imaging.