

Magellan Health Services Earns Full URAC Re-Accreditation for Behavioral Health Programs Through 2013

AVON, Conn., Oct 28, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Magellan Health Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: MGLN) has announced that 10 of its Care Management Centers have recently been re-accredited by URAC, a Washington, D.C.-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry.

"We applaud Magellan on achieving URAC Health Utilization Management and Care Management Accreditation," said Alan P. Spielman, URAC president and CEO. "In today's health care market, URAC accreditation provides a mark of distinction for organizations to demonstrate their commitment to quality health care."

URAC Health Utilization Management (HUM) standards ensure that all types of organizations conducting utilization review follow a process that is clinically sound and respects patients' and providers' rights while giving payers reasonable guidelines to follow. Standards address the use of evidence-based guidelines, incorporation of adherence guidelines, and evaluation of utilization rates to meet the demands of a changing health care system.

Care Management (CM) standards help to broaden awareness and demand for improved measurable outcomes, increase quality and the cost-effectiveness of coordinated health care through the use of evidence-based guidelines and adherence, and reduce re-admission rates through effective patient management, discharge planning and care transition.

"We're honored to be once again recognized by URAC," said Dr. Joann Albright, senior vice president, Quality, Outcomes and Research. "Achieving full re-accreditation demonstrates commitment to high quality standards and underscores the quality of the work we deliver to customers, members and providers while reinforcing our role as an industry leader."

About URAC: URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is well-known as a leader in promoting health care quality through its accreditation and certification programs. URAC offers a wide range of quality benchmarking programs and services that keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provides a symbol of excellence for organizations to validate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC strives to ensure that all stakeholders are represented in establishing meaningful quality measures for the entire health care industry. For more information, visit www.urac.org.

About Magellan: Headquartered in Avon, Conn., Magellan Health Services, Inc. is a leading specialty health care management organization with expertise in managing behavioral health, radiology and specialty pharmaceuticals, as well as public sector pharmacy benefits programs. Magellan delivers innovative solutions to improve quality outcomes and optimize the cost of care for those we serve. Magellan's customers include health plans, employers and government agencies, serving nearly 60 million people nationwide in our behavioral and radiology benefits lines, more than 40 payors in our specialty pharmaceutical benefits segment, and 25 states and the District of Columbia in our Medicaid Administration segment. For more information, visit www.MagellanHealth.com.

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