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**APPELLATE COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF DMS;
HMO CONTRACTS SECURED FOR ALL 67 COUNTIES**

TALLAHASSEE – The First District Court of Appeal lifted the legal stay, which had halted the execution of some of the State of Florida’s health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts. Following the decision, UnitedHealthcare signed an HMO services contract for 18 counties.

The HMO awards and settlements for the 2012 plan year now will go forward with all six HMO companies: Aetna, AvMed, Capital Health Plan, Coventry, Florida Health Care Plans and UnitedHealthcare. The State also provides the option of a preferred provider organization (PPO) plan administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida.

UnitedHealthcare will be the sole HMO carrier in the following counties: Bay, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Lafayette, Lee, Monroe, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Putnam, Sarasota, Taylor, Walton and Washington.

“We are pleased that eligible state employees and retirees in all 67 Florida counties will have the option of both HMO and PPO plans to choose from during Open Enrollment,” said Department of Management Services (DMS) Secretary John P. Miles. “The procurement process and awards made by DMS were sound and appropriate and achieve significant value for the State.”

Open Enrollment begins November 7 and runs through November 18.

Benefit Fairs organized by the DMS Division of State Group Insurance begin next week across the State, providing members with the opportunity to speak with health insurance plan representatives and better evaluate their options.

Please find attached the most recent breakdown of HMO carriers by county.

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Benefit Fair Schedule for the 2012 Plan Year

Fairs are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time unless otherwise indicated. Some sites have security desks and a photo ID is required to enter.

TALLAHASSEE

Monday, September 26

Betty Easley Center
4075 Esplanade Way

Tuesday, September 27 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Florida State University
Oglesby Union Ballroom

Friday, October 14

Department of Revenue
2450 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Building 1, Room 1820

Wednesday, October 19 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Florida A&M University
Jake Gaither Athletic Complex
1835 Wahnish Way

Thursday, October 20

Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center
505 West Pensacola Street

PENSACOLA

Monday, September 26

Pensacola Civic Center
201 East Gregory Street @ I-110

Tuesday, September 27 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

University of West Florida
11000 University Parkway, Building 22

SOUTH FLORIDA

Monday, October 3

Florida International University South
Graham Center
11200 Southwest 8th Street
Miami

Tuesday, October 4

Florida Atlantic University
Live Oak Pavilion
777 Glades Road East of I-95
Boca Raton

Wednesday, October 5

Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport
off I-95 on Griffin Road
Ft. Lauderdale

CENTRAL FLORIDA / EAST COAST

Wednesday, October 5

Hurston Building, South Tower
400 West Robinson Street @ I-4
Orlando

Thursday, October 6

Volusia County Health Department
1845 Holsonback Drive off Bill France
Boulevard
Daytona Beach

Friday, October 7 (Ends at 2 p.m.)

University of Central Florida
Pegasus Ballroom
12775 Pegasus Circle
Orlando

GAINESVILLE

Thursday, October 6

Tacachale Agency for Persons with Disabilities
1621 Northeast Waldo Road

Friday, October 7

University of Florida
Touchdown Terrace/Stadium

JACKSONVILLE AREA

Monday, October 10

Department of Children & Families
5920 Arlington Expressway
Jacksonville

Tuesday, October 11

Department of Health
1217 Pearl Street off I-95
Jacksonville

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Wednesday, October 12

Northeast Florida State Hospital
7487 South State Road 121
Macclenny

TAMPA BAY AREA / WEST COAST

Monday, October 10

Department of Children & Families
9393 North Florida Ave @ I-275 & Busch
Boulevard
Tampa

Tuesday, October 11

University of South Florida
Marshall Student Center Ballroom
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, MSC 2100
Tampa

Wednesday, October 12 (Ends at 3 p.m.)

University of South Florida
St Petersburg Campus Activity Center
131-6th Avenue South
St. Petersburg

Thursday, October 13

New College of Florida
Harry Sudakoff Center
5845 General Dougher Place
Sarasota