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NEW WEBSITE OFFERS CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDITS TO PHYSICIANS NATIONWIDE

Boston, MA (October 9, 2008) – ProMutual Group is proud to announce that its continuing medical education (CME) activities website is now accessible to healthcare providers nationwide. Having offered CME credits through joint sponsorship with other organizations for over a decade, the company has been awarded accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians. With this accreditation, the company plans to expand its program to include additional risk management focused activities in a user-friendly, easier to access venue.

ProMutual Group's first online activities are multi-module courses on communication, which a review of the company's claims revealed as a large contributor to malpractice litigation. Additional topics include terminating the professional relationship, best practices and more from ProMutual Group's quarterly risk management newsletter, *Perspectives on Clinical Risk Management*. Currently offering eight activities, additional activities in a range of areas will be added to the company's online CME collection on an ongoing basis. The cost for *1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* will be \$20, payable online with a credit card on a secure website.

The online accessibility of these CME activities allows a greater number of physicians across the country the freedom to participate in coursework at their leisure, thereby easing time constraints and reducing absences from their offices and patient care. While all physicians must obtain credits in order to maintain their licenses and hospital privileges, some states, such as Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, require that a certain number of the total credits they earn be specific in risk management. The importance of ongoing education and CME courses was highlighted in a ProMutual Group study of its own data that concluded that physicians who participated in risk management educational activities received significantly higher office appraisal scores than those who hadn't.

"Achieving ACCME accreditation and creating the online CME activity website is all a part of our mission to inform, instruct and positively influence physicians' behavior in order to increase patient safety, improve patient care and decrease medical malpractice litigation," said Maureen Mondor, vice president of risk management for ProMutual Group. "With over 30 years of experience, we are able to utilize our data and knowledge of risk issues in clinical practice to the benefit of the nation's healthcare providers. We are excited to build upon our legacy of providing physicians with quality educational programs and tools to enhance their skills and knowledge."

ProMutual Group's strong background in risk management services contributed to its becoming one of a small number of medical liability insurance companies in the U.S. that are accredited by the ACCME.

"I am proud of the initiative that our risk management team has shown in their pursuit of ACCME accreditation and in creating exceptional online educational activities for physicians nationwide," said Richard W. Brewer, president and CEO of ProMutual Group. "This new

generation of ProMutual Group educational activities will be a benefit to physicians who seek easy-to-access, quality risk management CME credits from an experienced and trusted source.”

For more information about ProMutual Group’s online CME activities email cmesupport@promutualgroup.com or visit the website at www.pmgcme.com.

About ProMutual Group

ProMutual Group is one of the leading providers of medical liability insurance in the Northeast, insuring more than 18,000 physicians, surgeons, and dentists as well as a large number of hospitals, health centers and clinics. It is one of the top 10 medical liability insurance providers in the country based on direct written premium. ProMutual Group has in excess of \$2.2 billion in net admitted assets, more than \$600 million in policyholder surplus and nearly \$320 million in direct written premium. ProMutual Group is rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company and is acknowledged as a leader in providing risk management and claim services to the healthcare community.

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