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## **ProMutual Insured Physicians and Surgeons to Receive Third Consecutive Dividend**

**Boston, MA** (May 19, 2010) – Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company (“ProMutual”) recently announced that its Board of Directors has declared a six percent dividend for most of its physician and surgeon policyholders in Massachusetts. The dividend announcement follows a six percent dividend declared in 2009 and a five percent dividend in 2008. This year’s decision coincides with a 3.5 percent increase in base rates for medical professional liability insurance for this group. The dividend and rate increase will affect more than 7,500 healthcare providers in the state.

As with previous years, the 2010 dividend reflects the company’s positive past performance. The funds were originally allocated to pay forecasted claims, but actual costs were less than anticipated. Contributing to this outcome was the company’s diligence in helping policyholders focus on patient safety through risk management and the expertise of its claim staff. Qualified policyholders will receive the dividend beginning on July 1, 2010.

“While we are pleased that past results have enabled this year’s dividend, we are also cognizant that healthcare is changing and so will the demands on our policyholders,” said Richard W. Brewer, president and CEO of ProMutual Group. “It’s uncertain how these changes will impact our business, but by keeping rates at an appropriate level, ProMutual will be there for its policyholders in the future.”

The company’s 3.5 percent rate increase corresponds to a recent trend of elevated frequency in medical malpractice claims in Massachusetts as well as a corresponding rise in inflation and costs associated with healthcare and litigation defense. The rate change will become effective on July 1, 2010, and will affect policies as they renew throughout the year. The increase will allow the company to adequately prepare for an increase in medical malpractice claims and ensure that anticipated defense costs and indemnity awards are covered. ProMutual Group is committed to doing everything it can to assist policyholders to reduce claims and control costs.

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### **About ProMutual Group**

ProMutual Group is one of the top 10 medical professional liability insurance providers in the country based on direct written premium. ProMutual Group member companies insure more than 22,000 physicians, surgeons, and dentists as well as nearly 500 hospitals, health centers and clinics in 20 states from coast to coast. ProMutual Group has net admitted assets in excess of \$2.6 billion as of Dec. 31, 2009. ProMutual Group member companies Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company, ProSelect Insurance Company and MHA Insurance Company have a Best’s Rating of A- (Excellent) and Washington Casualty Company has a Best’s Rating of B+ (Good). ProMutual Group is acknowledged as a leader in providing risk management and claim

services to the healthcare community, and it offers risk management consultations and educational activities at cost to healthcare providers across the country. For more information, visit ProMutual Group's website at [www.promutualgroup.com](http://www.promutualgroup.com).

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