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## **Physician Liability Insurance Rates Stabilize for Pennsylvania Physicians**

### ***ProSelect Insurance Company Announces No Rate Change***

**Boston, MA** (July 29, 2010) – ProSelect Insurance Company, a member company of ProMutual Group, announced today its decision to not change base medical professional liability insurance rates in Pennsylvania this year for individual physicians and surgeons. The decision was reached after a careful analysis by the company's actuarial staff along with its external consultants. Objective industry data revealed a decrease in the frequency of medical malpractice claims in Pennsylvania in recent years.

"We are pleased our efforts have paid off and are allowing us to keep rates level for Pennsylvania physicians," said Richard W. Brewer, president and CEO for ProMutual Group. "We've been focusing on risk management, physician education, patient safety and aggressive defense of good medicine and feel that their effects have played a role in reducing medical malpractice claims and costs."

ProMutual Group, through its member companies, helps to control costs, promote patient safety and improve quality of care by working closely with its policyholders. The company's field staff of experienced risk management professionals, serving Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company ("ProMutual") and ProSelect Insurance Company ("ProSelect") policyholders, provide risk management office appraisals with benchmarking capability, ACCME accredited continuing medical education activities, customized consultations and newsletters to mitigate loss. If a claim does arise, the claims team has a diverse background of healthcare, insurance and legal experience to defend physicians.

"As the nation begins the process of enacting healthcare reform, we are doing what we can to make medicine better for everyone," said Michael R. Kubik, vice president of marketing for ProMutual Group. "By working with our insureds to improve patient safety and quality of care, patients benefit and so do physicians. Fewer claims lead to stabilized rates and that lets physicians focus on their practice instead of their bottom line."

While a relative newcomer to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ProMutual Group and its predecessor have more than three decades of experience providing medical professional liability insurance to healthcare providers. The company is dedicated to maintaining a strong position in Pennsylvania and has never left a state in which it has written business. ProMutual Group maintains close relationships with independent agents and has worked with the Pennsylvania Medical Society to better serve healthcare providers. A dedicated member of the healthcare community, the company recently made a significant donation to The Physician's Health Programs, a program of The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, to support physician well-being.

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### **About ProMutual Group**

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