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ProSelect Announces Rate Change for Vermont Physicians

Boston, MA (February 1, 2010) – ProSelect Insurance Company, a member company of ProMutual Group, announced today that it will increase medical liability insurance base rates for individual physicians and surgeons in Vermont an average of five percent. The decision was reached after a careful analysis by the company revealed an increase in claims severity over the past few years with some verdicts reaching \$1 million. The base rate change will impact close to 700 healthcare providers in the state as their policies renew throughout the year.

“After several years of steady claims frequency and severity, we were starting to see changes in severity that warranted a base rate increase in Vermont,” said Gregg L. Hanson, chief operating officer for ProMutual Group. “We will continue to work with the state’s physicians to minimize any future losses through aggressive litigation defense and proactive risk management and patient safety programs.”

ProMutual Group is known for its award-winning risk management services and resources and is concentrating on the expansion and utilization of those services. Offerings include quarterly newsletters, journal publications, consultative services and computerized office appraisals with benchmarking capability. Additionally, the company also offers ACCME-accredited CME activities online. All of these services and resources can help physicians identify and mitigate potential risks.

“Our goal is to reach physicians before they have a million dollar claim,” said Joe R. Zorola, vice president of underwriting for ProMutual Group. “The underwriting, claim and risk management departments work closely with one another to coordinate support and services for our policyholders. This results in enhanced patient safety and lowered costs over the long-term.”

ProMutual Group has been a dedicated member of Vermont’s healthcare community for close to a decade. Throughout its tenure in the state, ProMutual Group has been an active supporter of Vermont’s state and local medical societies. In 2009, the company presented a donation to the Vermont Practitioners Health Program as part of its annual philanthropy series to support physicians with health concerns by promoting their well-being.

For more information about ProMutual Group’s products and services visit the company’s website at www.promutualgroup.com. You may also contact Nina Akerley, public relations specialist for ProMutual Group, at nakerley@promutualgroup.com or (617) 946-8665.

About ProMutual Group

ProMutual Group is one of the top 10 medical 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 19 states from coast to coast. ProMutual Group has net admitted assets in excess of \$2.6 billion

as of Sept. 30, 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.

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