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CIGNA MEDICAL GROUP OUTPATIENT SURGERY AND ENDOSCOPY EARNS ACCREDITATION FROM AAAHC

PHOENIX - October 13, 2008 - Cigna Medical Group's Outpatient Surgery and Endoscopy facility at the Clyde Wright Health Care Center is proud to announce it has earned a full three-year accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation. The AAAHC accreditation process evaluates and awards accredited status to facilities demonstrating a high quality of care and safety to patients.

"This is a significant accomplishment for Cigna Medical Group and a mark of distinction for our organization," said Arlene Polakof, D.P.M., medical director of Specialty Care for Cigna Medical Group. "I am extremely proud of all the Cigna Medical Group professionals and employees who helped make this possible."

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by Association experts actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services. More than 3,600 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by AAAHC.

Cigna Medical Group's Clyde Wright HealthCare Center, located at 755 E. McDowell Rd in Phoenix, offers an anticoagulation clinic, a hearing and audiology center, Urgent Care, an electroencephalogram lab, medical imaging, optical and optometry services, an outpatient diabetes clinic, outpatient surgery and a pharmacy. Specialty services include anesthesiology, audiology, cardiovascular disease, diabetic education, family practice, gastroenterology, internal medicine, neurology, ophthalmology, optometry, otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat), podiatry, pulmonary disease, radiology, rheumatology, and general surgery.

About Cigna Medical Group

Cigna Medical Group, the medical group practice division of CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona, is one of the Valley's largest multi-specialty group practices with 22 offices located throughout Metropolitan Phoenix, including three Urgent Care centers and three CMG CareToday convenient care clinics. With more than 35 years of history, CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona is one of the oldest and largest health plans in the state providing health care coverage and employee benefit services to approximately 350,000 individuals throughout Arizona. "CIGNA HealthCare" refers to various operating subsidiaries of CIGNA Corporation (NYSE:CI). Products and services are provided by these operating subsidiaries and not by CIGNA Corporation.

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association), founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 3,600 organizations accredited nationwide. The AAAHC accredits a variety of ambulatory health care organizations, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, college student health centers, and large medical and dental practices. The Accreditation Association serves as an advocate for the provision of high quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.