

## **Cigna Sponsors "Walk Now for Autism Speaks" June 4 in Pittsburgh**

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- Walk will raise awareness of autism and the challenges facing affected families
- Funds raised at the Walk will support research for effective treatments and a cure

PITTSBURGH - June 2, 2011 - Global health service company Cigna (NYSE:CI) has signed on as a sponsor of the 12th Annual Pittsburgh Walk Now for Autism Speaks. The June 4 walk, which is expected to draw 12,000 participants, will raise awareness of autism and autism spectrum disorders and the challenges that face families who are affected by autism. Money raised from the walk will help fund research for effective treatments and a cure.

"Autism affects one out of 110 children and is the fastest growing developmental disability," said Dr. Doug Nemecek, senior medical director for Cigna's behavioral health business. "Events like Walk Now for Autism Speaks are critical to raising awareness and funding research; research that Cigna hopes will lead to effective treatments - and one day, a cure."

Since last September, Cigna has offered a free series of nine monthly telephone seminars to help people better understand the physical, mental, and emotional challenges for children who may display the symptoms of developmental disorders like autism and Asperger syndrome. The series has been extended into the summer, with additional programs scheduled for June, July and August.

In June, Cigna will begin piloting a program in Pennsylvania that provides personalized support to families affected by autism spectrum disorders. The Cigna Families First/Autism program will help families locate resources that address their specific needs; offer specialty network discounts for behavioral, speech and occupational therapy, along with priority appointment scheduling; and provide referrals to specialized services and programs, such as summer camps and after-school programs. The Cigna Families First/Autism program is separate from Cigna medical coverage and is available to families in Pennsylvania even if they aren't enrolled in a Cigna health plan. For more information about the program, visit [www.cignafamiliesfirst-autism.com](http://www.cignafamiliesfirst-autism.com)

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