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**Passport Health Plan announces State Contract
New contract effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**

July 7, 2011; Louisville, KY. – Passport Health Plan announced today that a contract with Kentucky’s Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been executed which allows Passport Health Plan to continue providing Medicaid Services for members in the Plan’s sixteen (16) county service area.

The contract is effective July 1 and will run through June 30, 2012.

“We are pleased to announce the renewal of our contract with the Department for Medicaid Services. There have been many changes made at Passport over the past six months but through it all, we have remained committed to our mission and to the 170,000 members we serve. We appreciate all the support we have received from our friends, providers and community partners and we are looking forward to a bright future”, said Mark B. Carter, Chief Executive Officer.

Passport Health Plan is a Medicaid managed care plan that serves more than 170,000 members in 16 Kentucky counties. The National Committee for Quality Assurance ranked Passport Health Plan in the top 25 of all Medicaid health plans in the country for the last six consecutive years. The health plan is currently ranked #15. The counties of service include Breckinridge, Bullitt, Carroll, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Jefferson, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble and Washington. Passport Health Plan is sponsored by the University of Louisville Medical School Practice Association, University of Louisville Hospital, Jewish and St. Mary’s Healthcare, Norton Healthcare, and the Louisville/Jefferson County Primary Care Association, which includes the Jefferson County Health Department and Louisville's two federally qualified health centers, Family Health Centers and Park DuValle. For additional information, visit www.passporthealthplan.com.