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Passport Health Plan announces interim Chief Executive Officer Mark B. Carter takes reins of the HMO effective December 1, 2010

December 1, 2010, Louisville, Kentucky – University Health Care, Inc. which does business as Passport Health Plan announced today that Mark B. Carter has accepted the position of interim Chief Executive Officer effective December 1, 2010. His first priority will be to evaluate current management policies and practices and to begin the process of putting into place a new operational structure.

This announcement comes as a result of last month's Board of Directors' meeting when the Board laid out a corrective action plan that included:

- Establishing that all travel and meal expenses must be preapproved by the board or a committee of the board and demonstrate legitimate business purpose
- Confirming there are no outside consulting agreements between current management and Passport vendors
- Beginning a review of all lobbying efforts to determine appropriateness for an organization that is established as an at-risk, provider-sponsored 501(c)3 not-for-profit HMO
- Working with the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to establish a date in the next two weeks to discuss expenditures and actions Passport is taking to address the findings in the audit.

In addition to the above actions, Dr. Larry N. Cook, Chairman of the Board and current CEO, directed staff to cancel lobbying agreements and to review supporting documentation for previous travel and meals expenses in order to ensure each has an appropriate business purpose.

Dr. Cook stated that "Mr. Carter will lead the day-to-day operations of Passport and he is going to assist the board in addressing each and every finding and recommendation of the State Auditor. We are fortunate to have Mark Carter at a time when the organization is at a crossroads and positioned well for opportunities in the future with health care reform. The Board has taken swift action so we can continue to do what we do best, providing outstanding care for the least fortunate in our community."

Mr. Carter has 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry and is currently employed by Dean Dorton Allen and Ford as Managing Director of the Louisville office. He has assisted management teams in their efforts to realize value through effective strategy and business planning, mergers and acquisitions, revenue enhancement, the application of technology, and operations improvement. Mr. Carter has deep knowledge of the Commonwealth's Medicaid program and has been a consistent supporter of programs directed toward service to the medically indigent.

Mr. Carter, who will serve in the role for up to three months noted that, "I recognize that the report of the State Auditor has set the agenda for my service as Interim CEO. I am, as are the Board of Directors, committed to addressing every finding and recommendation in an expeditious manner. It is critical that Passport Health Plan's excellent service to its members, who are among the least fortunate of our citizenry, is maintained and strengthened over the coming weeks and months. I appreciate the confidence the University Health Care Board of Directors has placed in me."

University Health Care, Inc., operates Passport Health Plan, a Medicaid managed care plan that serves more than 165,000 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.

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Mark B Carter



Managing Director - Louisville

Education

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Career

Dean Dorton Allen and Ford, PSC, 2008-present

Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare, 2004-2008

BKD, LLP, 2002-2003

Ernst & Young LLP & Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, U.S. LLC, 1982-2002

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, 1980-1982

Professional Experience

Mark is a shareholder and serves as Managing Director of DDF's Louisville office. During his nearly thirty years in the healthcare industry, he has assisted management teams in their efforts to realize value through effective strategy and business planning, mergers and acquisitions, revenue enhancement, the application of technology, and operations improvement.

Professional Activities

Healthcare Financial Management Association: Fellow, Region CLR, National Matrix, President, Kentucky Chapter, HFM Journal, Contributing Editor, Speaker, and Author
Kentucky Society and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Hospital Council of Metropolitan Louisville

Community Involvement

Chairman, Greater Louisville Health Enterprise Network

Board Member and Treasurer, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky

Treasurer, Health Kentucky, Inc. (Kentucky Physicians Care Program)

Former Member, University Health Care, Inc. (Passport, a Medicaid Managed Care Plan)

Former Member, University of Kentucky Masters of Health Administration External Advisory Committee