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United Concordia to Provide Dental Care Benefits for Fresno County Employees

HARRISBURG, Pa. (August 10, 2005) – United Concordia Companies Inc. announced today that it has been awarded a contract with the County of Fresno in California to provide dental benefits for county employees effective with the 2006 plan year. Over 8,500 active and retired county employees are eligible to receive this benefit.

“The County of Fresno wanted a dependable insurer who could provide a long-term, competitive dental benefits package that is responsive to the needs of its employees and their families,” said Len Matuszak, United Concordia’s California Operations vice president. “We are proud to be selected to provide coverage to these members and are excited to be able to offer an HMO plan to them.”

Fresno County employees will have access to United Concordia’s Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system, which provides telephone access to benefit information 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. In addition, members may gain instant, secure access to their personal data using United Concordia’s Web-based resource, called *My Dental Benefits*.

“With *My Dental Benefits* or IVR, members can view all of their dental insurance information, including eligibility and past treatment information. They can even check the status of a claim,” stated Matuszak.

United Concordia works to provide high-quality, cost-effective dental benefits to its members. Success in satisfying members and obtaining new contracts has made United Concordia the fifth largest dental insurance company in the country. For more information on United Concordia, visit www.unitedconcordia.com.

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