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AAPPO AND NAVCP APPROVE MERGER AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, DC, January 24, 2011 -- The American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) is pleased to announce the merger of the National Association of Vision Care Plans (NAVCP) as a wholly-owned subsidiary. AAPPO adopted an association subsidiary strategy in 2003 with the launch of the National Association of Specialty Health Organizations (NASHO) also a wholly-owned subsidiary of AAPPO.

“This most recent agreement provides NAVCP with the opportunity to maintain its brand identity, its Board of Directors and add more value and services for members while reducing administration cost for all three associations,” said Karen Greenrose, AAPPO President and CEO.

Richard Sanchez, President of NAVCP stated “We are very excited to be joining forces with AAPPO/NASHO and expect their established infrastructure to offer NAVCP an even stronger, more united voice through greater representation.”

AAPPO/NASHO advocates for the nation’s preferred provider networks and specialty health industries; similarly, NAVCP serves as the unified voice for the vision plan industry.

“NAVCP is the perfect addition to NASHO’s new structure that offers a specialty-specific opportunity to form a collective voice for specialty health organizations,” added Julian Roberts, Executive Director of NASHO and newly named Director of NAVCP.

AAPPO, NASHO and NAVCP remain committed to representing all of their members’ business needs and this merger seeks to bolster those efforts while ensuring collective success.

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About the American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO):

Founded in 1983, AAPPO (www.aappo.org) is the leading national association of preferred provider organizations (PPOs). PPOs put control for medical decisions in the hands of the physician and patient, resulting in easy access to the right care, provided by the right doctor, at the right time. AAPPO creates a forum for discussion and dissemination of PPO best practices.

About the National Association of Specialty Health Organizations (NASHO):

NASHO is a subsidiary association of the American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) founded to advance and evolve specialty healthcare delivery in the United States. Its mission is to enhance and



promote the value proposition of specialty health organizations. To learn more about NASHO, visit www.nasho.org.

About the National Association of Vision Care Plans (NAVCP): NAVCP is the trade association for the Managed Vision Care industry serving as the voice for the vision benefits industry. The mission of NAVCP is efficient consumer access to quality vision care through promotion and advancement of the vision benefits industry. NAVCP strives to improve quality and efficiency in the delivery of vision care for consumers and providers and promotes the value and importance of vision care and vision benefits to both consumers and employers. The 16 primary member companies manage extensive networks of vision care providers and include vision benefit coverage to tens of millions of Americans. NAVCP also has 17 allied members, companies who do not fit the profile of primary members, but have an interest in the vision care industry. For more information about the National Association of Vision Care Plans, please visit www.navcp.org.