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PacificSource Health Plans Expands Provider Network Within Oregon

(Springfield, Ore.) – PacificSource Health Plans has announced the expansion of its provider network in Tillamook, Union and Wallowa counties. The company has experienced significant growth in recent years and considers the expansion of its provider network another indicator of success.

According to Sujata Sanghvi, vice president and chief operating officer, PacificSource’s expanded network of participating providers will offer members in three rural Oregon counties more choices in accessing physicians and other medical services. “Our expansion is being driven by local employers looking for more health insurance choices for their employees. By enhancing our provider network, we’re meeting market demand and giving people another viable option for health insurance,” she says.

PacificSource provides medical insurance to more than 138,000 members—1,241 of whom are residents of Tillamook, Union and Wallowa counties. The expansion will widen the network of physicians in these areas, giving PacificSource members access to more healthcare providers who contract directly with the insurer at preferred rates. The provider network currently includes 72 percent of hospitals and physicians in Union County, 64 percent in Wallowa County and 97 percent in Tillamook County.

Northwood Investments, one of the largest private-sector employers in Union County, recently chose a PacificSource subsidiary, Select Benefit Administrators, to administer self-funded health benefits for its 360 employees. Through this arrangement, Northwood’s employees have access to the PacificSource provider network. Kim Hilton with Hermann Financial, insurance agent for Northwood, says, “PacificSource’s expanded physician network adds value to our benefits package for employees at all of our locations.”

PacificSource’s enhanced presence in Tillamook, Union, and Wallowa counties is not only good news for existing PacificSource members, but also gives other residents more options and flexibility when choosing a health insurance provider. “As a regional health plan, we’re committed to serving all of Oregon, including its many rural areas. Our expanded provider network demonstrates that commitment by providing residents of Tillamook, Union, and Wallowa counties with greater choice with respect to healthcare and health insurance,” says Sanghvi. To research physicians in the expanded network, visit www.pacificsource.com.

About PacificSource Health Plans

PacificSource Health Plans is based in Springfield, Ore., with satellite offices in Portland, Bend, and Medford. Since 1933, the 240-employee organization has provided health insurance solutions to Oregon businesses and individuals. PacificSource provides personalized medical and dental coverage to over 149,000 members through contracts with 9,000 physicians, physician organizations, hospitals, medical facilities, and other healthcare suppliers. For more information, visit www.pacificsource.com or call 1-800-624-6052.

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