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Alliance PPO, LLC Receives Credentialing Certification

Rockville, Md. – Alliance PPO, LLC, a subsidiary of Mid Atlantic Medical Services, Inc. (MAMSI) (NYSE:MME), announced today that it received a Credentialing Certification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). This distinction was earned following an assessment of the organization’s compliance against the NCQA’s 2000 Standards for Certification in Credentialing.

NCQA’s certification program for credentialing is open to PPO networks and other organizations performing this function and provides these organizations the opportunity to demonstrate the quality of their credentialing programs. Organizations earn one of two possible outcomes—certification or denial of certification—based on their performance against NCQA’s standards. Alliance’s network of physicians and health care practitioners met the highest level of credentialing and recredentialing standards.

“We are proud to have earned NCQA’s Credentialing Certification,” says John DeRosa, president of Alliance. “Alliance is committed to bringing its customers access to a large network of highly qualified physicians, health care practitioners and facilities.”

The Alliance PPO network serves more than 280 payors and nearly 1 million participants in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

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