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UNITEDHEALTHCARE PARTNERS WITH FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rockville, MD (April 18, 2005) – UnitedHealthcare, one of the leading health services companies in Frederick County, announced today that it will provide health and vision benefits to Frederick County Public Schools employees and retirees beginning July 1, 2005.

“UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to making health care more accessible, more affordable and easier to use, and we’re excited to begin providing employees and retirees of the Frederick County Public Schools with health and vision benefits,” said Thomas P. Barbera, president and CEO of UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic. “We’re committed to being the health services company that public entities and local businesses turn to for health benefits.”

With UnitedHealthcare, Frederick County Public Schools employees and retirees will enjoy access to network services no matter where they live or travel in the United States through the company’s large local and national network of physicians and other health care providers. Through UnitedHealthcare’s *NurseLine* service and state-of-the-art Web site, myuhc.com[®], Frederick County Public Schools employees and retirees will be able to get credible information about health conditions and treatment options and find tools that help them take charge of their health. And, they can call the Frederick Customer Service Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get answers to questions they have about their health and vision benefits with UnitedHealthcare.

“Our employees and retirees deserve the best health and vision benefits available in the market,” said Dr. Bonnie Borsa, President of the Board of Education. “Through a competitive bid process, we determined our employees will be well-served by UnitedHealthcare and will be able to take advantage of its local and national network, state-of-the-art technology, and local round-the-clock customer support.”

About Frederick County Public Schools

Frederick County Public Schools serves 40,000 students in over 60 schools in a rapidly growing county that is geographically Maryland’s largest. Frederick County Public Schools has about 4,600 employees, including more than 2,500 teachers dedicated to nurturing and respecting the learning styles of their students.

About UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare (www.unitedhealthcare.com) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services, helping 22 million individual consumers nationwide achieve improved health and well-being through various health service systems. UnitedHealthcare arranges access to quality, affordable care with more than 460,000 physicians and care professionals and 4,200 hospitals across America. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group, a diversified health and well-being company.

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