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Vermont Chronic Care Initiative Named Outstanding Government Program

Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont Chronic Care Initiative (VCCI) was honored by the Care Continuum Alliance (CCA) as the winner of the “Outstanding Government Program” award at the organizations annual meeting in Washington D.C. The CCA Leadership Awards and Quality Impact Awards recognize leaders in health care for their efforts promoting health, reducing health risks and increasing the quality of care, particularly for those with chronic conditions. VCCI was recognized for its success in mitigating the impact of chronic conditions and increasing medication adherence among Medicaid beneficiaries.

“Vermont is proud to be recognized for our efforts by the Care Continuum Alliance,” said Governor Jim Douglas. “The Chronic Care Initiative is central to our efforts to improve the lives of Vermonters, while controlling health care costs. This award is another example of how Vermont is leading the nation in reforming our system of health care responsibly and effectively.”

VCCI is administered by the Department of Vermont Health Access in conjunction with APS HealthCare and is available to Vermont Green Mountain Care enrollees with one or more chronic health conditions. The initiative takes a holistic, patient-centered approach to helping individuals manage chronic illnesses. Registered nurses and medical social workers work with individuals to promote healthy behaviors, while helping with related issues such as housing, food security, and transportation to medical appointments.

“Our 2010 award winners clearly demonstrate how evidence-based wellness and care management programs improve health care,” CCA President and CEO Tracey Moorhead said. “They’re outstanding examples of the value population health management adds across all states of health and health care settings.”

About the Care Continuum Alliance

CCA convenes all stakeholders providing services along the care continuum toward the goal of population health improvement. These care continuum services include strategies such as health and wellness promotion, disease management, and care coordination. CCA promotes the role of population health improvement in raising the quality of care, improving health outcomes and reducing preventable health care costs for individuals with chronic conditions and those at risk of developing chronic conditions. CCA activities in support of these efforts include advocacy, research and the promotion of best practices in care management.

CCA represents more than 200 corporate and individual stakeholders—wellness, disease and care management organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers and benefits managers, health information technology innovators, biotechnology innovators, employers, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals, and researchers and academicians. Visit CCA at www.carecontinuum.org.

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