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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER AND UNITEDHEALTHCARE AGREEMENT MAINTAINS CONTINUOUS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

LANCASTER, Ohio (May 16, 2007) – Fairfield Medical Center’s new multiyear agreement with UnitedHealthcare, effective May 1, provides UnitedHealthcare members continued, in-network access to quality, affordable health care.

“We feel that this is in the best interest of the community to be able to serve UnitedHealthcare members here at Fairfield Medical Center,” said Mina Ubbing, President and CEO of Fairfield Medical Center. “We look forward to working with UnitedHealthcare in a true partnership in the best interest of our patients and UnitedHealthcare members.”

“Our multi year agreement with Fairfield Medical reflects our mutual commitment to provide access to quality, affordable health care for UnitedHealthcare members and demonstrates our shared interest to make health care work better,” said Rob Falkenberg, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Ohio.

Fairfield Medical Center, (www.fmchealth.org) is a 222-bed general, acute-care facility dedicated to being the major referral center serving the healthcare needs of the southeastern and central Ohio region. The Center is represented by more than 2,000 employees, more than 600 volunteers and Twig members and a growing team of more than 250 physicians who all work together to ensure Fairfield Medical Center's continuing success in meeting the healthcare needs of area residents.

UnitedHealthcare, (www.unitedhealthcare.com) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of more than 28 million individual consumers, contracting directly with more than 520,000 physicians and care professionals and 4,700 hospitals nationwide to offer consumers broad, convenient access to services nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.

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