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### **NetCare Announces Plans to Provide Coverage for H1NI Vaccines**

*Hagatna, (GU) – November 5, 2009* - NetCare Life & Health Insurance Company announced today that it will offer coverage for the administration of the H1NI (Swine Flu) Vaccine as a preventative care benefit for members. The vaccine administration will be covered for NetCare members whose benefit plans provide coverage for vaccines and immunizations.

In addition, NetCare will also provide first dollar coverage for the H1NI Vaccine for all NetCare members without co-payments, co-insurance or deductibles for all health plan members.

“Our priority and goal is to keep our plan members as healthy as possible, said Jerry Crisostomo, NetCare’s Plan Administrator. “By offering our members several no cost options for accessing both the seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccines, we hope to help slow the speed of the flu season.”

In addition, NetCare is also continuing its coverage of seasonal flu vaccine administration for members. The antiviral medications Tamiflu and Relenza will move to an economical tier in NetCare’s plan formularies.

The CDC has recommended that certain populations receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine as it is available. Initial prioritization includes pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than six months of age, children and young adults from 6 months to 24 years old, and people from 25 through 64 years old if they have chronic medical conditions that increase their risk of complications from the Influenza infection.

The CDC also recommends people take common-sense steps like washing your hands frequently; covering your mouth with your arm when you cough and sneeze; and staying home when you are sick to help protect others from the flu.