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UPMC Health Plan Provides Space for Free Tax Assistance Program

PITTSBURGH (February 13, 2007) — UPMC Health Plan is providing space at its Chatham Center headquarters, Downtown, for free income tax assistance through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Under the program — sponsored by the Internal Revenue System — specially trained volunteers provide free assistance to lower- or fixed-income families, senior citizens, and physically disadvantaged taxpayers who file a basic form 1040 or form 1040A Federal tax return. Pennsylvania state returns are also prepared.

The tax assistance center is located at UPMC Health Plan's corporate offices, on the first floor of Chatham Center II, 112 Washington Place, Downtown. Chatham Center II is located behind the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The volunteers will be available at this site until April 13, 2007.

In order to receive assistance, you must bring wage and earnings statements from your employer, bank interest statements, a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses.

About UPMC Health Plan

UPMC Health Plan, the second-largest health insurer in Western Pennsylvania, is owned by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), one of the nation's top-ranked health systems. The 2006 U.S. News & World Report/NCQA listing of "America's Best Health Plans" ranked UPMC Health Plan No. 7 in the nation, making it the highest ranked plan in Pennsylvania. It has also led the nation in breast cancer screening for three consecutive years. The integrated partner companies of the UPMC Insurance

Services Division – which includes UPMC Health Plan, Work Partners, EAP Solutions, UPMC for You (Medical Assistance), and Community Care Behavioral Health – offer a full range of group health insurance, Medicare, CHIP, Medical Assistance, behavioral health, employee assistance, and workers' compensation products and services to nearly 1 million members. Our local provider network includes UPMC as well as community providers, totaling more than 80 hospitals and more than 7,000 physicians in a 28-county region.

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