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**UPMC Work Partners Introduces Centralized Leave Management Program for Employers**

PITTSBURGH (June 11, 2009) – UPMC Work Partners, a leader in providing health and productivity solutions, is introducing a new leave management service that will assist employers in complying with the complexities of federal and state regulations and minimize the impact of absences in the workplace..

Many human resources departments are overwhelmed by the challenges of effectively managing FMLA absence. “Work Partners Leave Management Program is a customized program with web-based access for employees and managers. It is designed to decrease administrative burdens for employers while providing real-time information on employees’ Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) use,” said David M. Weir, President, UPMC Work Partners.“

UPMC Work Partners’ Leave Management Program provides a platform for employers to more effectively manage any leave of absence – including FMLA military, and employee-sponsored leave.

The leave program will be formally introduced during a one-hour webinar on June 17, 2009. This presentation is geared towards employers with 500 or more employees. For information about how to register for the webinar, contact Susan Stocker at 412-647-6623, or [stockerse@upmc.edu](mailto:stockerse@upmc.edu).

UPMC Work Partners Centralized Leave Management Program is a comprehensive program that includes integration with an organization’s healthcare providers, wellness initiatives and employee assistance program (EAP), to provide a more holistic solution

to the situation. Its data analytic capabilities provide robust reporting across all absence areas and results in improved attendance, productivity, and employee morale.

UPMC Work Partners is a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and is committed to providing “best in class” services to employers and their employees.

**About UPMC Health Plan**

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