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UNITEDHEALTHCARE TO COLLABORATE WITH JACKSON STATE IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE HEALTH STATUS OF MISSISSIPIANS

Jackson, MS. (Feb. XX, 2008) — As part of its commitment to help improve the health status of African Americans, UnitedHealthcare will award a \$10,000 grant to Jackson State University's Walter Payton Health and Wellness Center during a Community Day luncheon February 15th on the university campus. The Mississippi Black Chamber of Commerce and the National Black Chamber of Commerce will also co-host the luncheon in conjunction with UnitedHealthcare in an effort to help close the gap on the number of uninsured African Americans in Mississippi (20.8%) including small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The grant will be used to widen the Payton Center's wellness impact both on the university campus and within the broader Jackson community, and will help kick off a community health fair on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. The grant will be presented to the university by UnitedHealthcare's Generations of WellnessSM initiative, which was created to help improve the health outcomes of African Americans through culturally sensitive health education, providing opportunities for health improvement, and by promoting new attitudes toward healthy living.

"We are excited to collaborate with both Jack State University and the Mississippi Black Chamber of Commerce to help bring wellness tools and affordable health solutions to African Americans business owners and the community-at-large," said Tomica Young, national project manager for the Generations of Wellness initiative. "This joint effort is a crucial step in helping to improve the health outcomes and economic forecast for African Americans."

Generations of Wellness is focused on providing African Americans with access to quality, affordable health care services through small and mid-size employers, through collaborative efforts that address the health and well-being of faculty and staff at historically black colleges and universities, and by working with faith-based organizations to share educational information.

The UnitedHealthcare Foundation each year publishes America's Health Rankings, and in its 2007 edition, it notes some of the challenges faced by Mississippians who are African American. They include the fact that the state's African Americans experience 41 percent more premature death, and that deaths from cancer are 27 percent more common among African Americans. In general, Mississippi ranks 50th in the state health rankings, its percent of uninsured has increased to 20.8 percent, and the prevalence of smoking has increased to 25.1 percent of the population.

Generations of Wellness targets effective health care communication in the belief that it will drive earlier identification, treatment and outcomes for heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and asthma, the top five diseases that disproportionately impact African Americans. To learn more about Generations of Wellness, please visit www.uhcgenerations.com.

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