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**GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.
RECEIVES URAC HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT REACCREDITATION**

Hunt Valley & Rockville, MD – Group Benefit Services, Inc., (GBS), the premier employee benefit plans administrator, received URAC Health Utilization Management Reaccreditation. URAC, the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission, is a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry. URAC’s Health Utilization Management Accreditation standards provide assurance to patients, providers, purchasers, regulators and employers that the practices of the organization performing these services are fair and equitable for all parties.

“By receiving URAC Reaccreditation, we have demonstrated a commitment to quality health care,” said Kathy Simmons, CEO of Group Benefit Services. “We are very pleased to be recognized in the industry for providing continued outstanding services.

The URAC Health Utilization Management Accreditation standards establish consistency in UM processes. The standards ensure that appropriately trained clinical personnel conduct and oversee the utilization review process, that a reasonable and timely appeals process is in place, and that medical decisions are based on valid criteria. The Reaccreditation process confirms that a company has met and remained in compliance with the applicable standards throughout the accreditation cycle.

A complete list of URAC-accredited organizations is available on URAC's web site at www.urac.org.

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is well-known as a leader in promoting health care quality through its accreditation and certification programs. URAC offers a wide range of quality benchmarking programs and services that keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a symbol of excellence for organizations to validate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in establishing meaningful quality measures for the entire health care industry. For more information, visit www.urac.org.

ABOUT GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.

Based in Hunt Valley, MD, GBS is a pioneer of innovative solutions in the industry. The company’s 27-year history of success has been built on flexibility and creativity. GBS continues to develop new cost-containment strategies through unique benefit plan designs, advanced technology and superior reporting capabilities.

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