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WellPoint Announces Launch of WebMD Personalized Health Information and Tools to Further Support Consumerism

28.8 million members can now access additional online health care decision tools

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- After announcing the strategic partnership with WebMD Health (Nasdaq: WBMD) just three months ago, WellPoint, Inc. (NYSE: WLP) is placing improved secure, consumer-friendly, personalized health information and tools into the hands of all WellPoint members.

WebMD is one of the most reliable health resources on the Web, giving members the ability to make informed decisions about self-care, medications, conditions, tests and treatments while facilitating the improvement of communication between members and their health care providers.

WellPoint members now have access to a rich suite of online health information products, powered by WebMD, including: the Healthwise Knowledgebase in English and Spanish; a personalized Health Assessment; a confidential, portable Personal Health Record; an online fitness management program; secure member messaging and health alerts; and Personal Health News accessible through their personalized WebMD homepage.

As health plan members assume more control and responsibility over their health, they are actively turning to the Internet to search for medically sound information and innovative ways to proactively manage their health. WellPoint's tool set offered through WebMD encourages members to adopt healthy behaviors and lifestyles that lead to better health outcomes and lower health care costs associated with manageable and preventable chronic illnesses.

"Our members need useful, relevant information that is specific to their individual needs, as their health and life circumstances change so they can make informed decisions concerning their health and well-being," said Mark Boxer, president and CEO, Consumer-driven Health Plans, Enterprise Services and Medicare Government Business. "Providing online health and wellness resources from a trusted medical source such as WebMD, is just one more way that WellPoint is using on-line technology to help members become more involved and engaged health care consumers."

"These online tools provide our members with easy-to-understand, easy-to-access health information that is based on sound clinical evidence and practice guidelines," said Sam Nussbaum, M.D., executive vice president and chief medical officer for WellPoint. "They are designed for all of our members, from those who are well and want to maintain their health, to members with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease. By integrating these online health tools with our comprehensive medical management strategies, we are working collaboratively with our members and their physicians to improve both the quality and affordability of health care."

WellPoint members can manage their health at their convenience by accessing our public websites or logging onto our secure member websites at <http://www.anthem.com> , <http://www.bluecrossca.com> , <http://www.bcbsga.com> , <http://www.bcbsmo.com> , <http://www.bcbswi.com> or <http://www.unicare.com> .

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WellPoint, Inc. is the largest publicly traded commercial health benefits company in terms of membership in the United States. WellPoint, Inc. is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and serves its members as the Blue Cross licensee for California; the Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensee for Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area), Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.), Wisconsin; and through HealthLink and UniCare. Additional information about WellPoint is available at <http://www.WellPoint.com>.

About WebMD Corporation

WebMD Health Corp. (Nasdaq: WBMD) is a leading provider of health information services to consumers, physicians, healthcare professionals, employers and health plans through our public and private online portals and health-focused publications. WebMD Health Corp. is a subsidiary of Emdeon Corporation (Nasdaq: HLTH).

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