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**HEALTH EVOLUTION PARTNERS
LAUNCHES PURCHASER VALUE INITIATIVE**

CalPERS, Other State Pension Funds and Employers Collaborate on
Value-Enhancing Health Care Technologies

Jeffrey Rideout, MD, Appointed Chief Medical Officer and Initiative Leader

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4, 2008 -- Health Evolution Partners, a manager of health care investments, today announced the launch of the Purchaser Value Initiative (PVI), a coalition of state pension funds and large employers -- led by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) -- that will work to accelerate adoption of promising innovations that have the potential to dramatically improve health care quality and lower costs.

CalPERS, a Health Evolution investment partner, will be joined in the PVI by four other major purchasers: Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds, Washington State Health Care Authority, Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund, and GE. These five organizations purchase more than \$12 billion in health care services each year.

Health Evolution Partners also announced today that it appointed Jeffrey Rideout, MD, MA, FACP, as its Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Rideout will guide the Purchaser Value Initiative, advise on investments and support portfolio management teams. Dr. Rideout was most recently Cisco's Chief Medical Officer and global leader of the health care

division for the Cisco Systems Internet Business Solutions Group. Previously, he was Chief Medical Officer and senior vice president for Blue Shield of California.

“Through the work of the PVI and its exceptional leader, Jeffrey Rideout, we can shift the health care marketplace,” said David J. Bailer, MD, PhD, chairman of Health Evolution Partners. “Our pension fund and large employer partners will be able to identify opportunities that deliver real value for their beneficiaries.”

Health Evolution Partners appointed two principal advisors to the PVI: John W. Rowe, MD, who retired recently as chairman and CEO of Aetna, Inc., and was formerly president and CEO of Mount Sinai NYU Health; and Peter V. Lee, executive director of national health policy for the Pacific Business Group on Health, who brings deep experience in helping sophisticated purchasers develop strategies to promote higher value and who is an influential voice in national policy discussions.

“Health care purchasers can make smart, value-driven choices to support better quality and more efficient health care delivery. The Purchaser Value Initiative will help the market realize its full potential,” said Dr. Rowe.

“Often investment firms make portfolio decisions without fully appreciating the real needs of large-scale purchasers, providers or health plans,” said Dr. Rideout. “With the insight gleaned from PVI members, Health Evolution Partners can better evaluate critical health care trends, such as telehealth, disease management or personal health information and determine the best investment opportunities for delivering health care more efficiently to end-users.”

“Purchasers are determined to encourage value-based approaches to the delivery and organization of health care,” said George Diehr, chair of the CalPERS health benefits committee. “They want a reformed health care system with incentives and rewards based on quality and efficiency, but it is imperative that we support companies whose innovative tools will make that possible.”

About

Health Evolution Partners is a health care investment manager founded in 2007. Health Evolution Partners invests across the health care industry, from early stage to buyouts and from services to technologies. It is seeking companies that can lead and become valuable in the new era of value-based, cost-effective and consumer-driven health care. To learn more about Health Evolution Partners, visit www.healthevolutionpartners.com.

CalPERS (www.calpers.ca.gov) is the nation's largest public pension fund with assets over \$240 billion and the third largest purchaser of health benefits after the federal government and General Motors, providing health benefits to more than 1.2 million state and public agency employees, retirees and their dependents.

Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (<http://www.etf.wi.gov>) administers retirement and other benefit programs for more than 540,000 Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participants and 1,400 employers. Programs cover state and local government employees and retirees. The mission is to develop and deliver quality benefits and services to customers while safeguarding the integrity of the Trust.

Washington State Health Care Authority (www.hca.wa.gov) administers two major health care programs: Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and Basic Health that provide access to high-quality health care for more than 500,000 Washington residents. The agency also operates several value based programs for all state agencies and the broader health care market, including the Prescription Drug Program, Health Technology Assessment, Health Insurance Partnership, and the Quality Forum.

Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund (www.pebtf.org) administers health care benefits to approximately 300,000 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania employees, retirees

and their dependents, as well as additional employer groups. The PEBTF is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of both Commonwealth and Union representatives.

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