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Contact: Joe Santoro
joe.santoro@HEALTHPOINT.com or call 800-441-8227**MEDI-CAL ANNOUNCES LABELER CODE EXCLUSIVITY FOR ACCUZYME® (PAPAIN, UREA) OINTMENT AND PANAFIL® (PAPAIN, UREA, CHLOROPHYLLIN COPPER COMPLEX SODIUM) OINTMENT BY HEALTHPOINT, LTD.**

FORT WORTH, Texas – Thousands of California residents suffer from chronic, slow-healing wounds and seek medical care. Often these wounds afflict the elderly poor who may struggle with rising health care costs and who sometimes lack access to necessary treatment. Medi-Cal, California’s Medicaid health care program, has recently amended the Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs to designate ACCUZYME® Ointment and PANAFIL® Ointment, two prescription drugs from HEALTHPOINT for the treatment of wounds, as sole source in their respective categories. *Prior authorization for ACCUZYME and PANAFIL is not required.*

ACCUZYME Ointment, Papain, Urea, 30 gram tube (NDC# 00064-1000-01) and PANAFIL Ointment, Papain, Urea, Chlorophyllin Copper Complex Sodium, 30 gram tube (NDC# 00064-3410-30) are readily available at pharmacies and drug wholesalers in California and nationwide.

The sole source status for ACCUZYME Ointment became effective December 2003, and sole source status for PANAFIL Ointment took effect March 2004. Details of the Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs can be found on the Department of Health Services Web site, www.medi-cal.ca.gov.

“Health care providers have long trusted these medications to help debride and heal their patients’ wounds. Since all wound care treatments are not created equal, we are pleased that Medi-Cal has ensured that all eligible patients have access to the best therapy on the market,” said Joseph S. Santoro, Senior Director of Healthcare Systems at HEALTHPOINT, Ltd.

ACCUZYME is a debriding ointment indicated for treatment of necrotic tissue and liquefaction of slough in acute and chronic lesions such as pressure ulcers, varicose and diabetic ulcers, burns, postoperative wounds, pilonidal cyst wounds, carbuncles and miscellaneous traumatic or infected wounds. PANAFIL is a healing, debriding and deodorizing ointment indicated for treatment of acute and chronic lesions such as varicose, diabetic and decubitus ulcers, burns, postoperative wounds, pilonidal cyst wounds, carbuncles and miscellaneous traumatic or infected wounds.

Upon application, a small percentage of patients may occasionally experience a brief stinging sensation when using PANAFIL Ointment. ACCUZYME Ointment is generally well-tolerated and nonirritating. However, upon application, a small number of patients may experience a brief stinging sensation.

Since its inception in 1992, HEALTHPOINT has established a national presence in the research, development and marketing of branded pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter drugs and medical devices for tissue management, dermatology and infection prevention. An aggressive research and development effort has brought HEALTHPOINT's unique technologies to the market, setting the pace for its highly trained national field sales organization of direct sales representatives. HEALTHPOINT, with over 200 employees, is a DFB Pharmaceuticals, Inc. affiliate company.

DFB, through its affiliate companies, contract partners and branded marketing organizations, provides technology-driven products, outsourcing services and in-licensing and out-licensing opportunities to the health care industry worldwide.

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