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(October 1, 2009) Seattle – Carena, Inc. is pleased to announce a new partnership with drugstore.com. Starting October 1, 2009, Carena will expand its house call service, Carena Urgent Care, to drugstore.com’s employees and their eligible dependents in the Puget Sound area.

With Carena Urgent Care, board-certified physicians treat drugstore.com plan members’ urgent, but not life-threatening, medical concerns 24/7 in their homes. Plan members avoid non-emergent, costly trips to the emergency room (ER), and receive the personalized education they need to be better health care consumers.

“Consumer driven healthcare is a top priority for drugstore.com. By enhancing our benefits offerings and by increasing consumer education, our employees are in a better position to make their own healthcare choices and drive down overall healthcare costs,” said Robert Hargadon, Vice President of Human Resources for drugstore.com. “With Carena Urgent Care, our employees have easy access to quality resources—when they need them most—while reducing out-of-pocket health care costs.”

“Carena and drugstore.com share a passion for innovation,” said Ralph C. Derrickson, President & CEO of Carena. “We both see the importance of engaging consumers in making sound and cost-effective health care decisions, whether it’s related to their medication or medical care needs.”

Carena Urgent Care is a convenient, lower-cost care option for weekends or after-hours, when a primary care physician is not available and the ER is a member’s only option. By providing the right care at the right time, Carena helps to control cost and change members’ care-seeking behavior.

About Carena, Inc

Carena, Inc. engages consumers at a time of need with health care options and education to make the right care choices. The Seattle-based health care organization has reinvented the model for health care to help employers and plans reduce direct costs, improve health outcomes, and increase productivity. By delivering medical care and education wherever and whenever required, Carena meets the needs of both members and clients. For more information about Carena, visit the Web site at www.CarenaMD.com.

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