



## Press Release

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### **Carena Expands Workplace Care Service at Costco**

*Woodinville Costco workers now eligible for on-site physician visit if they need urgent care*

**SEATTLE**, TBD 2008 — Carena, Inc., a provider of on-site and home-based urgent medical care, has expanded its workplace care service with Costco. Costco began offering the workplace care service at a single location in 2003, and has since expanded it to warehouses and facilities from Everett to Puyallup. The Woodinville facility is the 16<sup>th</sup> Costco location to receive the service.

“Our goal with Carena Workplace Care is to improve the treatment of injured employees while also reducing the cost of care for employers,” said Ralph Derrickson, CEO of Carena. “Costco has been a wonderful partner and we look forward to continuing to expand this service to other locations and facilities.”

Carena Workplace Care provides prompt treatment of injuries in the workplace. All too often if a worker is injured on the job and needs urgent care, he or she must go to the Emergency Room (ER) for same-day care, or wait for a day or two to visit with a primary care physician. With Carena Workplace Care, a physician can be on-site quickly, usually within two hours or less.

For Costco employees, this prompt, on-site treatment results in faster treatment with physician-patient interactions that last as long as needed to provide care. .

“The response from employees already participating in Carena Workplace Care has been excellent,” said Katrina Zitnik, Director of Workers’ Compensation at Costco. “Employees love the convenience and quality of care they receive from the Carena physicians. We believe in taking care of our employees and this shows the priority we place on their health and well-being.”

**About Carena**

Carena, Inc., [www.CarenaMD.com](http://www.CarenaMD.com), offers a new model for health care delivery – its physicians treat patients at their work or home. This unique “point-of-patient” model eliminates the cost of medically unnecessary trips to the hospital emergency room. By providing unmatched access to high-quality care and information, Carena helps employees manage their health, which increases employee productivity and reduces overall health care costs for employees and their employers.

**About Costco Wholesale Corporation**

Headquartered in Issaquah, Washington, Costco currently operates 433 warehouses, including 320 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 63 in Canada, 15 in the United Kingdom, five in Korea, three in Taiwan, four in Japan and 23 in Mexico. The Company also operates Costco Online, an electronic commerce web site, at [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com).

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