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**DeCare Dental's Mike Walsh Selected as President of
WellPoint's Dental Business**

Will continue to lead DeCare Dental in Eagan

EAGAN, Minn. (Dec. 15, 2009) — Mike Walsh, president of Eagan-based DeCare Dental, has been selected to lead WellPoint's dental business. Purchased by WellPoint, Inc. in April 2009, DeCare Dental operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of WellPoint, which is the nation's largest health benefits company by membership.

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About DeCare Dental

A wholly owned subsidiary of WellPoint, DeCare Dental is headquartered in Eagan, Minnesota. DeCare's Operations Center, based in Gilbert on Minnesota's Iron Range, includes customer service, claims processing and broker and small group sales. With 40 years of proven success, DeCare Dental serves 10 of the world's leading dental insurance brands. For more information on DeCare Dental, visit www.decare.com.

About WellPoint, Inc.

WellPoint works to simplify the connection between Health, Care and Value. We help to improve the health of our communities, deliver better care to members, and provide greater value to our customers and shareholders.

WellPoint is the nation's largest health benefits company, with more than 34 million members in its affiliated health plans. As an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, WellPoint serves 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, New York (as the Blue Cross Blue Shield licensee in 10 New York City metropolitan and surrounding counties and as the Blue Cross or Blue Cross Blue Shield licensee in selected upstate counties only), Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.), Wisconsin; and through UniCare. Additional information about WellPoint is available at www.wellpoint.com.