HOSPITAL CEO ELECTED VICE CHAIR OF PROVIDER FEE OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

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DENVER – June 10, 2009 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing announced today that Madeline (Mimi) Roberson, CEO, Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, was elected vice chair of the Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board. Bruce Alexander, Vectra Bank and chair of the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board of Directors, serves as the chair of the board. The advisory board is responsible for working with the department to implement the historic Colorado Health Care Affordability Act (HB09-1293).

The Colorado Health Care Affordability Act was signed into law by Governor Ritter on April 21, 2009 and will provide over 100,000 uninsured Coloradans with health coverage and reduce uncompensated care and cost-shifting. By partnering with hospitals, an additional $600 million a year will be generated through a provider fee, and draw down $600 million in federal Medicaid matching funds. The combined $1.2 billion will support Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) expansions and be used to improve hospital reimbursement rates provided through Medicaid and the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP).

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The Department administers the Medicaid, CICP and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for Colorado's low-income, elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the Department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, please visit colorado.gov/hcpf.

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