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The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut Offers Seasonal Flu Clinic to the Public

New Haven, CT (November 4, 2009) – The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) will be offering a seasonal flu clinic to the public on Monday, Nov. 9 from 1-3pm at its headquarters located at One Long Wharf Drive, Fifth Floor, in New Haven.

“We were fortunate that we are able to offer a public flu clinic. Thanks to the help of Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and our national association, The Visiting Nurse Association of America, we received all the vaccines that we ordered,” John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems said. “As a non-profit, our mission is to manage our resources wisely so that the community can receive the maximum benefit, and in this case we were able to keep our commitment to all of our scheduled clinics and now have some extra vaccines available to offer to the public.”

The VNA/SCC has only 150 doses of the seasonal flu vaccine available. The vaccine is appropriate for individuals aged nine and older. Individuals **MUST** call and make an appointment to receive the vaccine. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated. **To make an appointment please call the VNA/SCC at 203.641.3227 from 9am-Noon on Thurs., Nov. 5 and Fri., Nov. 6.**

The following insurances are accepted: Medicare, Connecticare, HealthNet, and Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield. The cost of the vaccine for those who do not have one of the previously mentioned insurances is \$30.

About VNA Health Systems

VNA Health Systems is comprised of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) and CareSource, Inc.

Founded in 1904, the VNA/SCC, the original VNA of New Haven, Milford and the Valley, is a state licensed, non-profit, community based home health care agency. The VNA/SCC staff consists of highly skilled nurses, therapists, medical social workers and home health aides. A vital resource to the communities it serves, the VNA/SCC provides a wide range of specialized clinical services, community programs, the Nurturing Families Network and subsidized care to those who are in need. The agency employs over 240 staff members, has an average daily census of over 1,000 patients and makes over 150,000 home visits per year. The agency is the founder of the *Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing*. The VNA/SCC is supported in part by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, local United Way organizations, corporate sponsors and individual donors.

CareSource strives to maximize the quality of life for its clients and their caregivers in the home and health care settings. Their services include private duty nursing, homemakers, companions and live-in home health aides. Both VNA/SCC and CareSource are CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program) accredited. To learn more about the organizations, log onto www.vnascc.org or www.caresourceinc.org. To view quality information about VNA/SCC, as reported by Medicare, log onto www.medicare.gov and click on the link: Compare Home Care Agencies.

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