

Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) Appoints New President and CEO

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Pittsburgh, PA (November 10, 2008) -- The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement today appointed Harold D. Miller as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. Miller has been working as a consultant to NRHI for the past two years, and he organized NRHI's national summits on healthcare payment reform in 2007 and 2008.

“Regional efforts offer the greatest promise for successfully improving the quality and reducing the cost of healthcare in the U.S.,” said Miller. “I am excited about the opportunity to work even more closely with the country’s leading regional healthcare collaboratives as president of NRHI.”

“NRHI provides valuable support to our regional efforts to improve the quality and value of health care,” said Jim Chase, President of Minnesota Community Measurement and Chair of the NRHI Board. “With Harold’s leadership, NRHI can help us have an even greater impact on our communities and across the country.”

Miller replaces Maulik Joshi, who had served as NRHI’s first president since July, 2007. In October, Joshi was appointed senior vice president for research at the American Hospital Association (AHA) and president of the Health Research and Education Trust.

Miller has experience in both regional and national efforts to improve the quality of health care services and to change the fundamental structure of health care payment systems in order to support improved quality. His report prepared for the 2007 NRHI Payment Reform Summit, *Creating Payment Systems to Accelerate Value-Driven Health Care: Issues and Options for Policy Reform*, was published by the Commonwealth Fund in September, 2007, and the reports prepared for the 2008 Payment Reform Summit will be released later this month in cooperation with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Since 2006, Miller has served as the Strategic Initiatives Consultant for the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (PRHI); his work with PRHI on how health care payment systems impede quality improvement was featured in *Modern Healthcare* magazine in December, 2007. In 2007 and 2008 he served as the Facilitator for the Minnesota Health Care Transformation Task Force. Miller also has an appointment as Adjunct Professor of

Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy and Management.

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) is a national coalition of regionally-based, multi-stakeholder organizations that are working to improve the quality and value of health care delivery. NRHI facilitates information sharing among regions and encourages national policies that support regional quality improvement efforts. NRHI's members include the California Cooperative Healthcare Reporting Initiative, the California Quality Collaborative, the Greater Detroit Area Health Council, the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) in Minnesota, the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative, the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners, Minnesota Community Measurement, the Pacific Business Group on Health, the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative, the Puget Sound Health Alliance, the Utah Partnership for Value-Driven Health Care, and the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality. In addition to NRHI's members, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, and the California HealthCare Foundation have provided financial support for NRHI.

More information on NRHI is available on its website at www.NRHI.org.

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