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### **HRH and KVHC ANNOUNCE NEW COLLABORATION**

HOULTON, ME – August 3, 2007 – Houlton Regional Hospital (HRH) and Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) are collaborating to optimize area occupational medical services for the people of the Greater Houlton Region.

This partnership between HRH and KVHC will ensure people of all ages and businesses located throughout the Greater Houlton Region will continue to have access to convenient, affordable occupational health services, without interruption, at 15 Hartford Street in Houlton.

HRH Chief Executive Officer Thomas Moakler said, “On October 1, 2007, HRH will transfer its Company Docs business at 15 Hartford Street in Houlton to KVHC. The offices and staff will remain the same. The change will be ownership transfer to KVHC; KVHC’s sign will be

erected on the building. The present Company Docs building, staff and telephone number will remain the same.

“As a Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is better suited to ensure the longevity of occupational medicine for the business community in the Greater Houlton area.

“The hospital does have a contract to provide medical services at the Aroostook County Corrections Facility. KVHC will assume that responsibility on October 1.

“HRH’s past collaborative efforts with KVHC have worked very well for our patients. KVHC’s goal is to continue to provide these services to the business community in a seamless manner.

“Under this collaboration, HRH and KVHC, working together, will improve delivery of health services to the people of the Greater Houlton Region,” said Moakler.

KVHC Executive Director Durward Humphrey added, “KVHC welcomes the opportunity to enter into this collaborative partnership with HRH.

“KVHC will continue to provide adult and pediatric primary care and mental health counseling services at our 59 Bangor Street clinic in Houlton. We also anticipate that this transfer of ownership will be seamless and agree that this collaborative effort is for the betterment of the communities we serve. This collaboration will ensure that everyone within KVHC’s scope of service area will have access to high quality occupational health services.

“Within the next few days, HRH and KVHC will contact all current Company Doc business customers to discuss this transition. Customers who participate in our current occupational medicine programs will receive an informational packet. Any business or individual who wishes to arrange a meeting to discuss occupational services, options, agreements and contracts can call Rick Grunthaler, KVHC Human Resources and Compliance Manager at 207-528-2285, Ext. 306.

“As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Care, it is KVHC’s primary mission to provide high quality, cost effective primary health and dental care to all who need our services. The assumption of these additional services by KVHC aligns with our mission to improve the health status of the communities we serve.

“KVHC has a record of providing excellent customer service and satisfaction, in collaboration with numerous organizations, to provide the types of services that best meet the needs of our customers. This collaboration with HRH expands offerings to people and businesses within KVHC’s scope of project. Under federal guidelines for FQHCs, KVHC applied for a scope of service change to accommodate these additional services. That scope of change was approved by HRSA on June 3, 2007,” continued Humphrey.

“Again, we aim to make this transition as seamless as possible for our customers,” said Humphrey.

*Houlton Regional Hospital (HRH) is licensed for 25 acute beds and 28 skilled nursing / nursing home beds. Services are typical of those of an acute care hospital and include a 24-hour physician-covered emergency room, comprehensive medical / surgical services and numerous outpatient services, including pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation, physical, occupational and speech therapy. The hospital offers state-of-the-art equipment in all departments and employs 350 people in the Greater Houlton Region. HRH is an equal opportunity employer.*

*A Federally Qualified Health Center, Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to people of all ages in the Greater Katahdin Region. KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 60 people at its facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten. KVHC is a proud member of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). To learn more about health centers, please visit KVHC’s web site at [www.kvhc.org](http://www.kvhc.org) or [www.nachc.com](http://www.nachc.com). KVHC is an equal opportunity employer.*

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