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Beth Monsrud named Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at UCare

MINNEAPOLIS, May 14, 2008 – Beth Monsrud has been promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of UCare from her position as Controller. Monsrud had served as Acting Chief Financial Officer since January 2008.

In her new position, Monsrud provides executive leadership and oversight for all fiscal operations of the independent, nonprofit health plan. She is responsible for the strategic direction of UCare's accounting, budgeting, forecasting, and reporting and information systems, among other key financial functions. She also serves as Treasurer of the corporation. As a member of UCare's Senior Management Team, Monsrud helps develop UCare's operating philosophy and strategic direction

"This promotion recognizes Beth's positive leadership skills, strong financial background, in-depth knowledge of our products, and unwavering commitment to UCare's mission and members," said Nancy Feldman, UCare's President and CEO. "Beth has been an integral part of our Leadership Team during her time with us, and it is now my pleasure to welcome her to UCare's executive team."

Monsrud brings more than 20 years of management experience in all areas of accounting, finance, audit, and operational project management to UCare. She joined UCare as its Controller in 2001, and held that position for seven years. Before moving to UCare, she was Controller-Corporate Operations for CIGNA Behavioral Health in Eden Prairie, Minn., and Director of Accounting at United Healthcare Corp. in Minnetonka, Minn.

Monsrud graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She also graduated Summa Cum Laude from Rochester Community College with an Associate of Arts: Business Transfer Program degree. Monsrud and her family live in Maple Grove, Minn.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 145,000 members. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver innovative health coverage plans for:

- Individuals and families enrolled in income-based Minnesota Health Care Programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program.
- Adults with disabilities and Medicare beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.
- Minnesotans dually eligible for Medical Assistance and Medicare.
- Medicare-eligible individuals throughout Minnesota and in western Wisconsin.

In 2007, *UCare for Seniors*, UCare's Medicare Advantage plan was ranked by Medicare in the top 13 percent of health plans nationwide for outstanding performance. UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its UCare Fund grants and a broad array of community initiatives.

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