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CIGNA INTERNATIONAL EXPANDS ITS INTERNATIONAL PROVIDER NETWORK WITH ADDITION OF THE SWISS LEADING HOSPITALS

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 2003 – CIGNA International has announced the completion of a formal agreement with The Swiss Leading Hospitals, an association of thirteen private hospitals located throughout Switzerland. The agreement expands access to quality medical care and direct settlement of bills for care received by CIGNA International's expatriate members and their families.

“We are pleased to offer our members enhanced access to quality medical care in Switzerland. The Swiss Leading Hospitals' reputation of combining quality care within a well-organized and modern infrastructure fits extremely well with CIGNA's strong quality and service orientation,” says Markus Zettner, Director, Global Network Development, CIGNA International Expatriate Benefits (CIEB). “This arrangement widens the choices our members have for their medical care and greatly facilitates administration of payments on their behalf.”

Zettner adds that details on each hospital are featured on the CIEB secure member Web site.

Beat Huber, President of The Swiss Leading Hospitals, said, “We are delighted to have finalized this arrangement with CIGNA International and look forward to providing its members with the highest quality of care at our prestigious hospitals.”

About CIGNA International

CIGNA International, the global business division of CIGNA Corporation, markets life, accident and employee benefits – including health care insurance – in selected markets around the world. CIEB is the world's largest provider of employer-sponsored insurance plans for expatriate employees.

About The Swiss Leading Hospitals

The Swiss Leading Hospitals was founded in 1999 by three hospitals: Klinik Gut in St. Moritz, Klinik Pyramide am See in Zurich, and Klinik Sonnenhof in Bern, together with the consulting company H Focus AG Management in Zurich. Today, the association has grown to thirteen hospitals.

Drawing privately paying patients from around the world, facilities belonging to The Swiss Leading Hospitals must meet 120 criteria from the fields of quality management, accreditation of doctors, medical care, nursing, accommodation, and administration.

In addition to the three founding hospitals, other facilities in the system include: Bethesda-Spital, Clinique de la Source; Clinique Generale-Beaulieu, Klinik Lindberg, Klinik Linde, Klinik Schloss Mammern, Klinik St. Anna, Klinik Villa im Park, Merian Iselin Spital, Privatklinik Bathanien. For more information on these hospitals, visit www.swissleadinghospitals.ch

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