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American College of Physicians Professional Liability Program Offers Additional Credit to Internists Who Maintain Recertification

Philadelphia—July 10, 2006—The American College of Physicians (ACP) and The Doctors Company are pleased to announce the industry's first program that offers physician-members of ACP a credit on The Doctors Company medical liability insurance for Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

Physicians who complete the MOC, or recertify, will receive a 5 percent credit in addition to their 5 percent program discount when they insure with The Doctors Company. This added credit applies for physicians who are required to recertify and those who do so voluntarily.

"ACP is pleased to offer this additional premium discount that recognizes the efforts of internists and internal medicine subspecialists who voluntarily engage in the activities of Maintenance of Certification," said John Tooker, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.P., ACP executive vice president and chief executive officer.

"As the endorsed liability carrier for ACP and the first carrier to have a dedicated Patient Safety Department, The Doctors Company fully supports the Maintenance of Certification as a way for physicians to demonstrate a commitment to continual improvement of their knowledge and skill," said Richard E. Anderson, M.D., F.A.C.P., chairman and CEO of The Doctors Company. "We believe this credit distinguishes member physicians who are personally motivated to provide the highest level of patient care. This is another way in which we are living our mission to advance and protect the practice of good medicine."

Eligibility for the credit includes those ACP physician members who complete, or have already completed, the Maintenance of Certification process in either the specialty of general internal medicine or their subspecialty. These medical subspecialties include allergy and immunology, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, gerontology, hematology, infectious disease, nephrology, neurology, oncology, pulmonary medicine, and rheumatology. There is no additional discount beyond the 5 percent credit for maintaining certifications in both general internal medicine and a subspecialty. The discount is available to physicians with time-limited certificates who recertify, and it is also available to physicians with time-unlimited certificates who voluntarily recertify.

ACP is the nation's largest medical specialty organization, representing 120,000 internal medicine physicians. The Doctors Company is the nation's leading physician-owned medical malpractice insurance provider and the exclusively sponsored carrier of ACP.

For additional information regarding the membership benefits The Doctors Company offers to its ACP members, please visit: <http://www.thedoctors.com/acp> or contact Todd Zeiter, vice president of Business Development for The Doctors Company, at (800) 421-2368, extension 1167.

About the American College of Physicians

ACP (Doctors of Internal Medicine. Doctors for Adults.®) is the nation's largest medical-specialty organization and second-largest physician group. Membership includes physicians who provide comprehensive primary and subspecialty care to tens of millions of patients, including taking care of more Medicare patients than any other physician specialty. Internists specialize in the prevention, detection and treatment of illnesses in adults. ACP works to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

About The Doctors Company

Founded by doctors for doctors in 1976 to advance and protect the practice of good medicine, The Doctors Company (www.thedoctors.com) is the nation's leading physician-owned medical malpractice insurance provider. With \$1.9 billion in assets, an A- (Excellent) rating with "Stable Outlook" by A.M. Best Company, and an A- rating with "Stable Outlook" by Fitch Ratings, The Doctors Company enjoys a reputation as the industry vanguard.

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