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### **WELLCARE AND MARTIN MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS PARTNER TO EXPAND PROVIDER NETWORK**

**TAMPA, Florida, (December 12, 2008)** – Martin Memorial Health Systems and WellCare Health Plans, Inc. announced today that Martin Memorial expanded its contract to include WellCare’s Medicare members in St. Lucie County and Staywell Medicaid and Staywell Kids members in St. Lucie County. Effective December 5, 2008, both Martin Memorial Health Systems facilities in Martin County – Martin Memorial Medical Center and Martin Memorial Hospital South – are available to provide care and services to WellCare members.

“Our number one priority is to provide our members with timely access to affordable, quality health care,” said Jeffrey Bross, associate executive director for WellCare of Florida, South Florida. “We are pleased that Martin Memorial expanded its contract to add our Medicare and Medicaid members in the respective counties. We look forward to working with them to serve our members’ health care needs.”

Martin Memorial has been delivering high-quality health care to residents of the Treasure Coast for nearly 70 years. Along with its two hospitals, Martin Memorial has 12 locations in Martin and St. Lucie counties. That includes the Frances Langford Heart Center, Robert and Carol Weissman Cancer Center, David L. Smythe Wound Center and much more. Martin Memorial is also a certified primary stroke center and has earned national recognition for the care it provides throughout the health system.

“We are happy that this agreement will give residents of the communities we serve

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## **WellCare and Martin Memorial Partner to Expand Network**

additional means of receiving the care they need and deserve,” said Miguel Coty, vice president and chief marketing and communications officer of Martin Memorial Health Systems. “Our mission has always been to provide access to the very best health care services possible. This is one more way of continuing that mission and ensuring the good health of residents in Martin and St. Lucie counties.”

### **About Martin Memorial**

Martin Memorial Health Systems is a not-for-profit, community-based health care organization. It offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, wellness and rehabilitation services. Its approximately 2,900 associates and more than 400 affiliated physicians operate 12 different locations serving Martin and St. Lucie counties. To learn more, visit [www.mmhs.com](http://www.mmhs.com).

### **About WellCare Health Plans, Inc.**

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored healthcare programs, focusing on Medicaid and Medicare. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, WellCare offers a variety of health plans for families and children, the aged, blind and disabled, and prescription drug plans, currently serving over 2.3 million members nationwide. For more information about WellCare visit the Company's website at [www.wellcare.com](http://www.wellcare.com).

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