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### **PEBTF Announces New Statewide PPO Plan and Regional HMOs for 2011**

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF) announced today that Highmark, Aetna, Capital Blue Cross, Geisinger Health Plan and UnitedHealthcare have been selected to provide health benefits to approximately 80,000 eligible commonwealth employees and their dependents, effective January 1, 2011. Additionally, these health plans will be offered to approximately 20,000 non-Medicare eligible commonwealth retiree members and their dependents enrolled in the Retired Employees Health Program (REHP), which the PEBTF administers on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Highmark will provide a statewide PPO plan. HMO plans will be offered on a regional basis, as follows: Keystone Health Plan West HMO (a Highmark plan) in Western Pennsylvania, Keystone Health Plan Central HMO (a Capital Blue Cross plan) in Central Pennsylvania, Geisinger Health Plan HMO in Northeastern Pennsylvania and Aetna HMO in Southeastern Pennsylvania. UnitedHealthcare will continue to offer its Consumer Driven Health Plan on a statewide basis.

“We entered into a competitive bid process in late 2009 to select quality plans that offer comprehensive and cost effective coverage while maintaining wide access to health care providers,” said Kate Farley, PEBTF’s Executive Director. “Members residing in Pennsylvania have the selection of a PPO, HMO or CDHP plan. There are no changes to the PEBTF Plan of Benefits. Copayments remain the same.”

An open enrollment period will be held in October. Employees and retirees will receive additional information on their plan choices at that time. The PEBTF will hold open enrollment meetings where members will have the opportunity to meet with PEBTF staff and health plan representatives. In addition, an open enrollment period will be held for Medicare-eligible retirees; there are no changes to the Medicare Advantage Plans that are offered to these retirees.

The Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund, established in 1988, administers health care benefits to approximately 80,000 eligible Commonwealth of Pennsylvania employees. The PEBTF is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of both Commonwealth and Union representatives. It also administers health care benefits, on behalf of the commonwealth, to approximately 20,000 non-Medicare eligible retirees and 42,000 Medicare eligible retirees and their dependents.

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