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**Donna Klein Joins Peoples Health as General Counsel**

**Metairie, La. (July 10, 2009)** – Peoples Health, a Louisiana-based administrator of Medicare Advantage plans, and McGlinchey Stafford PLLC announced today that Donna Klein will move from the law firm where she has served health care clients for more than 20 years to join Peoples Health as general counsel. The move will be effective August 1, 2009.

“Donna has been part of the Peoples Health family for some time having worked for us during her time at McGlinchey Stafford,” said Peoples Health CEO Carol Solomon. “She is intimately familiar with our business, and is committed to our members and our goal of providing the services they need for optimal health and well being. We are thrilled to have her on board.”

Klein was recruited more than 20 years ago by McGlinchey Stafford’s late founding partner, Dermot McGlinchey, to start and grow the firm’s health care practice. In this role, she found great success in working with a variety of prominent clients in the health care industry, including Peoples Health. During her tenure with the firm, she has served in many leadership roles. Most recently she served as the managing partner of the New Orleans office, head of the health care group, partner in charge of marketing and a member of the firm’s management committee. Donna has served on the health care transition teams of three Louisiana governors and is currently a member of the Louisiana Board of Regents for Higher Education.

“Donna has a brilliant legal mind, keen business sense and is a trusted advisor to many of our clients,” said Rudy Aguilar, managing partner of McGlinchey Stafford. “She has devoted her considerable talents not only to firm clients, but also to the community through her volunteerism and to our firm. We will miss her daily involvement with our McGlinchey family but are very proud that she will be general counsel of our good client, Peoples Health. We look forward to working with Donna and we are glad that she will continue a close relationship with our firm.”

A graduate of Tulane University School of Law, Klein combined her prior experience as a registered nurse with her legal practice in the health care industry. She has represented hospitals, physicians, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, independent practice associations, national and multi-national hospital ownership companies and various other health care providers and regulatory bodies

throughout the nation. Klein has also published and lectured extensively on a variety of medical-legal issues.

In keeping with Peoples Health's tradition of community involvement, Klein is an active member of the New Orleans community. In addition to serving as chairwoman of Louisiana ArtWorks, Klein was recognized by *New Orleans CityBusiness* as one of the Women of the Year in 2001 and 2007 and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. She was recognized by the Young Leadership Council as a Role Model in 2002 and by the Human Rights campaign to receive the Humanitarian Award in 2003. Donna has also been selected as one of the Woodward White's Best Lawyers in America in Health Care each year since 1991.

### ***About Peoples Health***

Established in 1994, Peoples Health administers Medicare benefits for 42,000 southeast Louisiana residents enrolled in the Choices 65, Choices Plus, Secure Health, HealthCare Select and Peoples Health Group Medicare health plans. More than 450 employees work at Peoples Health corporate offices in Metairie, Louisiana and a regional office in Baton Rouge. Peoples Health is accredited by URAC, a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization. More information about Peoples Health can be obtained by visiting [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com).

### **About McGlinchey Stafford**

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