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## RISICO TOTAL MANAGED CARE, INC. RECEIVES FULL URAC ACCREDITATION IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

**Fresno, CA (May 2018)** – Risico Total Managed Care, Inc. is proud to announce it has earned URAC accreditation in Workers' Compensation Utilization Management from URAC effective May 1, 2018 – May 1, 2021. URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through accreditation, certification and measurement. By achieving this status, Risico Total Managed Care has demonstrated a comprehensive commitment to quality care, improved processes and better patient outcomes. Achieving this important milestone was announced today by Sharon Mather, BSN, RN, CCM, LNCC, Vice President/Director of Nursing, Risico Total Managed Care, Inc.



URAC's Workers' Compensation Utilization Management Accreditation Standards require companies to establish and adhere to proper process and procedures for assessment, planning and implementation of all Workers' Compensation Utilization Management Services.

"Appropriateness and efficiency are words to live by in meeting new value-based goals for population health. Risico Total Managed Care's URAC accreditation shows an ability to abide by the gold standard when it comes to performing Health Utilization Management/Workers' Compensation Utilization Management functions," said URAC President and CEO Kylanne Green. "URAC's utilization management accreditation standards promote an evidence-based and reasonable review of services that respect both patients and providers."

URAC's Workers' Compensation Utilization Management standards address the unique characteristics of workers' compensation utilization management and ensure quality oversight for this fast growing area of managed care. The standards are similar to the URAC Health Utilization Management standards but contain modifications that reflect the unique aspects of the workers' compensation environment and injured workers. "The URAC accreditation process demonstrates a commitment to quality services and serves as a framework to improve business processes through benchmarking organizations against nationally recognized standards."

URAC accreditation requires applicants to submit policies, procedures and other organizational information that is followed by a review. URAC's accreditation process enables learning and compliance with nationally recognized healthcare standards and supports improvements and innovation in healthcare management and delivery.

Founded in 1990, URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through accreditation, certification and measurement. URAC is a nonprofit organization developing evidence-based measures and standards through inclusive engagement with a range of stakeholders committed to improving the quality of healthcare. URAC's portfolio of accreditation and certification programs span the healthcare industry, addressing healthcare management, healthcare operations, health plans, pharmacies, telehealth providers, physician practices, and more. URAC accreditation is a symbol of excellence for organizations to showcase their validated commitment to quality and accountability.



Risico Claims Management and Risico Total Managed Care are innovative, customer-driven divisions of Risico, Inc., providing claims management, utilization review, case management and managed care services to thousands of customers throughout California. According to Steve Wigh, COO, Risico, Inc. “Through the Risico family of companies, we enable people, businesses and communities to manage health care in more affordable and effective ways. Our unique, integrated business model seeks to increase access to quality care, deliver better health outcomes and lower overall Workers’ Compensation costs.” Risico was incorporated in 2000, “Risico” is Dutch for “risk”, reflecting the family heritage of the owner, a veteran insurance executive and entrepreneur, Bill Van Beurdan.

The reforms of California’s SB-1160, coming fully into effect this year, remain controversial and confusing to most employers and especially those changes significantly impacting utilization review in California. Risico Claims Management and Risico Total Managed Care have carefully followed these reforms and can assist employers in complying with statutory/regulatory requirements.

Risico Total Managed Care is a freestanding Utilization Review Organization (URO) that provides value added medical and disability cost-containment services to insured, self-insured and self-administered/self-insured clients, in California. We customize programs to meet individual client needs. Our Utilization Review Program and processes have proven to be effective, efficient and are regulatory compliant. Risico Total Managed Care’s managed care programs focus on driving timely progression of the injured employee’s medical treatment plan, a safe/successful return to work and in achieving prompt maximum medical improvement. Strategic management of medical recovery and return to work promote optimal outcomes and lower overall workers compensation costs.

For more information regarding Risico’s services, contact Director of Provider Relations and Client Services, Denise Omstead.

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