

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 9, 2013 /PRNewswire-iReach/ -- The year 2013 was a milestone year for industry-leading CVO (Credentials Verification Organization) Med Advantage as it celebrated 20 years of service in the health care credentialing arena.

In conjunction with this landmark anniversary, the organization also received coveted recertifications from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the *Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC)*.

NCQA conducts rigorous desktop and on-site audits by a team of health care professionals and certified credentialing specialists, studying several areas of day-to-day operations, including the verification of license to practice, DEA registration, medical board sanctions, education and training, malpractice claims history, Medicare/Medicaid sanctions, work history, practitioner application processing, CVO application and attestation content and ongoing monitoring. Med Advantage is again fully certified for 10 out of 10 verification services, earning its tenth CVO Certification.

Med Advantage also received its sixth URAC CVO Accreditation after a stringent on-site audit in August 2013 with auditors *poring over individual provider files and accessing not only credentialing processes, but other areas of operation such as Human Resources*

"Receiving these industry accolades emphasizes our commitment to performance, productivity and expertise," said Med Advantage Founder and CEO John Barrett. "We work hard every day to give our customers the best service possible—and it shows in these recertifications."

After hearing the final results of months of preparation, Barrett thanked management and

employees with a company breakfast.

Med Advantage (www.med-advantage.com) has provided cost-effective credentialing solutions since its inception in 1993, including secure credentialing and data verification services to Fortune 500 companies, national HMOs and locally-owned managed care organizations for board certifications, criminal backgrounds, education, licenses, malpractice, privileges, references, sanctions and work history.

NCQA (www.ncqa.org) is a not-for-profit organization with a passion and devotion to improving health care through conducting quality audits of credentials verification organizations, managed care plans, managed behavioral health care organizations and physicians organizations. Since 1990, consumers and employers have equated its seal with high standards of quality and performance.

URAC (<https://www.urac.org/>) is also an independent nonprofit organization with the mission to *promote continuous improvement in the quality and efficiency of health care management through processes of accreditation, education, and measurement.* With more than 30 accreditation and certification programs, URAC strives to provide broad-based governance in the ever-changing health care industry.

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