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### **NetCare and TriWest Healthcare Alliance Partner to Expand Access to Veterans on Guam and CNMI**

*Hagatna (GU) February 2, 2015* – NetCare Life & Health Insurance Company and TriWest Healthcare Alliance recently signed an agreement that will expand access to healthcare services for Veterans on Guam and the CNMI. Under the arrangement, NetCare will serve as a subcontractor for TriWest and will provide access to NetCare’s primary care and specialist network of providers. Veterans will gain access to NetCare’s contracted urgent care centers, primary care services, specialist services, diagnostic imaging center, ambulatory surgical center, radiology center and nearly 100 plus physicians. This is the first agreement between NetCare and TriWest.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance was awarded a five year contract by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to administer the VA Patient-Center Community Care (VAPC3) Program to serve nearly half of the Veterans eligible for care in the country including over 8,000 Veterans here on Guam and the CNMI.

“NetCare is proud to partner with TriWest to offer more healthcare options for our island’s Veterans, supplementing the capabilities of the Department of Veteran Affairs and providing expedited care at a time when it is needed most, said Jerry Crisostomo, Plan Administrator for NetCare. “We look forward to working collaboratively with TriWest, in support of the VA, to improve the health of the brave men and women who have served our island and nation.”

The agreement will enhance the coordination of care in the Veteran community by enabling the sharing of information between the VA healthcare facilities and the NetCare contracted providers.

“This new agreement with NetCare represents a significant expansion to TriWest’s network of providers in the 28 states and territories of operation and is aimed at enhancing Veteran’s access to healthcare. NetCare has a strong presence on Guam and the CNMI communities and their wide variety of services and multiple care settings are a great addition to our network. We couldn’t be more pleased to complete this agreement, said David J. McIntyre, Jr., Chief Executive Officer for TriWest Healthcare Alliance.