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Event to honor three extraordinary women in health care

(March 5, 2011 – Anderson, S.C.) – Since April 1908, women of extraordinary passion, energy, commitment and clinical excellence have contributed to the evolution of AnMed Health. Each year during Women’s History Month, AnMed Health honors this tradition by holding the Extraordinary Women in Healthcare Awards and Symposium.

The 2012 symposium will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 in the AnMed Health Cancer Center atrium. This year’s featured speaker is Susan DeVore, president and CEO of Premier, the nation’s leading alliance of hospitals, health systems and other providers. Premier uses the power of collaboration to lead the transformation to high quality, cost-effective health care. Its membership includes AnMed Health and more than 40 percent of all U.S. health systems.

Under DeVore’s leadership, Premier has built an industry-leading code of ethics, been named four times as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere and won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. DeVore is an industry-leading thinker who was named to Modern Healthcare’s inaugural list of the top 25 women in health care.

As in years past, the symposium will honor some of the extraordinary women in health care today. However, for the first time in its seven-year history, the event will recognize women in three specific categories:

- **The Virginia Gilmer Extraordinary Woman in Healthcare Community Service Award** – Nominees for this category should demonstrate extraordinary commitment, dedication or influence in service to her community, not-for-profit organization, or cause. This award is named in honor and memory of Virginia Gilmer, the founder of Anderson County Hospital.

- **The Mildred Jones Extraordinary Woman in Health Leadership Award** – Nominees for this category demonstrate extraordinary non-clinical leadership and integrity in support of AnMed Health’s integrated healthcare delivery system. This award is named in honor of housekeeping supervisor Mildred Jones who retired in 1996 at the conclusion of a 45-year career with AnMed Health.

• **The Gladys Grantland Extraordinary Woman in Clinical Excellence Award** – Nominees for this category demonstrate extraordinary clinical excellence and transformational leadership in support of AnMed Health’s integrated healthcare delivery system. This award is named in honor of operating room supervisor Gladys Grantland, RN, who began her nursing career in 1948 and retired in 2008.

The Extraordinary Women in Healthcare Awards and Symposium is sponsored by CertusBank. The symposium is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Please RSVP by calling (864) 512-4103.

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