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Sheakley Acquires Assets of Nationwide Subsidiaries - GatesMcDonald HealthPlus, Inc.SM and Gates, McDonald & Company

Acquisition recently approved by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Cincinnati, Ohio (March 22, 2010) — Sheakley UniComp, Inc. recently received approval from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to acquire the assets of GatesMcDonald HealthPlus Inc.SM, a subsidiary of Nationwide Insurance[®] and an Ohio workers' compensation managed care organization (MCO). Sheakley-UniService, Inc. has also acquired the assets of Gates, McDonald & Company's state fund workers' compensation third party administrator (TPA) business. The acquisition now positions Sheakley as one of the top administrators in the state for TPA & MCO services.

Effective March 8, 2010 more than 65,000 clients were added to Sheakley UniComp's client base resulting in a total of over 120,000 employers currently serviced for workers' compensation managed care services.

"Our noted reputation and professionalism has positioned us as a contender in the acquisition marketplace. Sheakley will continue to look for growth through targeted acquisitions which complement our existing workers' comp business," said Larry A. Sheakley, Chief Executive Officer of Sheakley.

As one of the first MCOs certified by the BWC, Sheakley Sheakley UniComp, Inc., has been in operation since March 1997. This is the sixth MCO acquisition Sheakley has made since 1998. Acquisitions and future open enrollments remain the vehicle to expand the growth of Sheakley.

"Sheakley and Gates McDonald have worked closely together to ensure a seamless transition. Many employers affected by the acquisition are familiar with Sheakley's reputation and feel confident to place their trust in the MCO with a blended team of staff members," said Shari Herper, Sr. Vice President of Sheakley.

With today's announcement, Gates McDonald will be exiting the Ohio workers' compensation TPA and MCO businesses.

Sheakley UniComp, Inc., an affiliate of Sheakley, is one of the largest MCOs in the state of Ohio. Sheakley is dedicated to providing quality, cost effective medical care which will facilitate a safe and timely return to work. The program promotes proper and continuous communication between the injured worker, the employer, the provider, and the Ohio BWC making the medical management of Workers' Compensation claims easier for all parties involved.

Sheakley-UniService, Inc. an affiliate of Sheakley, simplifies workers' compensation for over 16,000 clients ensuring maximum financial return. As one of the five largest third party administrators in the state, Sheakley's services include customized plans of action for effective claims management, safety programs, self-insurance programs, assistance with lump sum settlements, reimbursement for pre-existing handicap conditions and CPR/AED training among others.

About Sheakley

Sheakley specializes in the fields of workers' compensation, safety services, payroll, HR solutions, 401(k) services, flexible benefits plans, physician billing, vocational rehab, unemployment services, and merchandise for small to mid-size employers. Recognized as a leader in its industry, Sheakley gets the job done for its clients by providing essential business solutions that save customers time and money. Sheakley's unique relationship with its clients provides personalized customer service and focuses on results. View the Sheakley website at <http://www.sheakley.com>