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Lewer to Manage Student Health Plan at Washington University in St. Louis

Student medical insurance specialist will team with Great-West Healthcare to design and administer student medical plan.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri – (18 July 2006) – **The Lewer Agency, Inc.** has announced a new client engagement with **Washington University in St. Louis**. As the third party administrator for the university’s student health insurance plan, Lewer will adjudicate claims and provide additional services for more than 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students and their dependents.

“We are pleased to work with **Great-West Healthcare** in designing and implementing a comprehensive medical insurance plan to serve this prestigious institution and their student body,” said Mike Lewer, President of the Lewer Agency.

“The Washington University student healthcare model is nationally acclaimed,” Lewer continued. “By requiring all students to enroll in the plan, the university becomes the primary-care provider in a comprehensive student health and counseling service role that is student-centered.”

A dedicated Lewer account team will work with several key allies in the implementation and administration of the plan. Washington University’s **Student Health Services** department operates the **Habif Health & Wellness Center** on campus. The center is the focal point of student health-related activity. Great-West Healthcare, a division of Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, the plan underwriter, is a leading national employee benefits provider with expertise in creative health care management solutions. Other healthcare providers with complementary roles are: **Assist America** provides global emergency medical services for traveling students; **Express Scripts** provides a prescription drug discount plan designed to help reduce the cost of one-time or long-term prescriptions; and **Careington International** is a leading provider of discount dental and vision programs.

About the plan:

The Washington University in St. Louis student medical insurance plan is the core component of a progressive philosophy of college health that focuses on providing significant resources for health and wellness information and practice and actively promoting it. Healthier students require fewer acute services. Purposed collaboration across the spectrum of student health and wellness issues supports and enhances the academic mission of the university.

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The on campus Habif Health & Wellness Center is the focal point for all student-related physical and mental health services, outreach and promotion. The Habif Center staff currently numbers 50 talented providers, counselors and administrators offering myriad physical and mental health services in primary care, mental health care and the promotion of health and wellness. The collaborative effort of this uniquely structured staff has resulted in optimum student/patient care and is setting a national standard for college health programs.

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About the Lewer Agency:

The Lewer Agency has been providing innovative insurance products and services since 1956. Since 1991 the firm has been a trusted advisor, provider and claims administrator in the marketing and administration of student medical benefit plans. LewerMark™ Student Insurance Plans were designed exclusively for college and university students coming to study in the United States as well as those traveling abroad.

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