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**Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Selects Best Doctors  
To Empower Employees to Get the Right Care**

*Current and Retired Employees and Their Families Now Have Access to World-Class Medical Expertise to Ensure Right Diagnosis and Right Treatment of Serious Illnesses*

**BOSTON – July 9, 2008** – Best Doctors Inc., the trusted medical resource for ensuring individuals with serious illnesses have the right diagnosis and the right treatment, today announced that the Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) has selected Best Doctors to help empower more than 20,000 school district employees, retirees and eligible family members to take control of their healthcare by providing expert answers to their questions about diagnosis and treatment.

With Best Doctors, ACSHIC's current and retired school district employees and eligible family members, who are uncertain of a serious diagnosis or have questions about their treatment plan, can receive answers from world-renowned doctors. Through Best Doctors, an expert specialist conducts a thorough analysis of the member's case based on all medical records and tests. The member receives a comprehensive, easy-to-understand report summarizing the findings that they can use with their treating physician to ensure the right diagnosis and best course of treatment.

“Our approach to health and wellness is founded on a desire to help members be more proactive when it comes to their healthcare,” said Walt Michalski, a member of the Board of Trustees for ACSHIC and a staff representative for the Pennsylvania affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers. “A service like Best Doctors, which is focused on providing specific answers about an individual's case and next steps, is reflective of our philosophy and will empower our employees to take control of their own care.”

“Best Doctors’ mission is to empower its members with the right diagnosis and right treatment when faced with a serious medical condition. We make that happen by providing real, actionable answers and support tailored to each and every individual’s special situation,” said David Seligman, CEO of Best Doctors. “ACSHIC’s focus, which ensures that its employees actively participate in their own care, aligns with our approach to deliver the right tools, the best outcomes and the right care.”

### **About the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC)**

The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) was originally formed in 1988 with funds from the Heinz Foundation and pursuant to a combined Labor and Management initiative. The Consortium represents over 20,000 school employees and retirees primarily within Allegheny County for the purpose of acquiring health insurance coverage. The School Districts in Allegheny County include the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, vocational-technical institutions, and the Community College of Allegheny County. For more information on the ACSHIC, visit [www.acshic.com](http://www.acshic.com).

### **About Best Doctors**

Best Doctors is the trusted medical resource for ensuring individuals have the right diagnosis and the right treatment. The Company serves employers, insurers and health plans by dramatically improving the quality of healthcare at the point of treatment for individuals with serious illnesses and injuries. Founded in 1989 by two Harvard Medical School professors, Best Doctors serves more than 260 insurers, employers and health plans, touching 10 million people in 30 countries. For more information, visit [www.bestdoctors.com](http://www.bestdoctors.com) or call 1-800-223-5003.

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