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Innovatix OncologyExpress (Premier, Inc subsidiary) and Bellwether Oncology Alliance to Expand Nationwide Oncology Group Purchasing Services using Metro Medical Supply for Distribution

<January 6, 2009> - New York, NY – Innovatix OncologyExpress, a division of Innovatix, LLC, a partially owned subsidiary of Premier, Inc, and Bellwether Oncology Alliance entered into a 10-year agreement that will create the nation's most comprehensive group purchasing portfolio serving community oncology providers. As part of the agreement, Metro Medical Supply will serve as the distributor to support both Bellwether Oncology Alliance and Innovatix OncologyExpress contract purchases.

"I'm very energized to lead this program on behalf of Innovatix," said Cynthia Radford, Vice President, Specialty Pharmacy Services, Innovatix. "We've serviced this market successfully under OncologyExpress for a number of years, and while our offering remains competitive, this new agreement certainly breathes new life into the program and will generate much excitement (and savings) for both Innovatix and Bellwether members."

"We feel this is a good strategic solution for our customers – the niche specialty GPO of Bellwether Oncology Alliance, combined with the broad portfolio of OncologyExpress, provides a truly unique value to the market," said Rena K. Goins, Executive Director, Bellwether Oncology Alliance. "With Metro Medical as the distributor in this relationship, we bring together three partners with experience and a deep understanding of our customers' needs. Oncology practices today are past the angst of the migration to ASP-based reimbursement and pricing. Community providers want innovation allowing them to succeed through long-term relationships that offer a broad range of services that they can tailor to meet their individual practice goals. We believe this new agreement positions OncologyExpress, Bellwether Oncology Alliance and Metro Medical Supply to deliver on that - from pharmaceuticals, to medical supplies, capital equipment, phone and freight services, continuing education needs and more – practices can look to us to deliver economic value."

Metro Medical was founded in 1984 to meet the needs of specialty markets. Based in Nashville, TN, Metro Medical operates distribution centers in Nashville, TN and Reno, NV, offering flexible delivery options, automation and high-quality customer service.

To learn more about this program or to become a program member, please contact Wellington Lora, Innovatix OncologyExpress Account Manager at (toll-free) 888.258.2373 or email lora@innovatix.com.



Innovatix, LLC is a full-service group purchasing organization serving over 14,000 non-acute care facilities throughout the United States. Innovatix is a joint venture between a subsidiary of the Greater New York Hospital Association and a subsidiary of Premier, Inc. To learn more about Innovatix, please call 888.285.3273 or visit us Online at www.innovatix.com.

Bellwether Oncology Alliance is a specialty group purchasing organization providing transparency and innovation in healthcare to it's members. Relationships with pharmaceutical manufacturers allow us to connect our members with manufacturers' resources that meet patient and clinical practice needs. Bellwether Oncology Alliance has a national presence working to deliver billing & coding assistance, payor relationships, data collection, outcomes & ASP analysis, revenue recovery and clinical support. The Bellwether model yields flexibility and choice for members and creates an environment for our facilities to thrive. Contact us at info@bellwetheroncology.com or tollfree at 866-661-9499 to learn more, or, visit us online at www.bellwetheroncology.com.

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