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**First Health HCN Now Available in 231 Counties  
TDI Approves a 96 County Expansion**

**Franklin, Tenn. – May 10, 2011** – In April 2011, the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) approved a 96 county service area expansion for the First Health Texas HCN (FH HCN). This brings the total number of certified counties for the FH HCN to 231. This expansion will allow Coventry to offer a more expansive HCN option to those clients certified to use First Health HCN.

Coventry developed Texas Health Care Network (HCN) options in 2005 to help clients comply with the regulatory requirements outlined in House Bill 7 (HB7). The purpose of HB7 was to reform a workers' comp system that had experienced double-digit cost increases, very high medical utilization and low return-to-work rates. This legislation allows employers choose a HCN, which is a network of medical providers experienced in treating occupational injuries and use evidence-based treatment and return-to-work guidelines to provide more control over medical treatment and utilization.

Coventry currently offers two HCN options in Texas—the FH HCN and the Coventry Workers' Comp Network HCN (CVTY HCN). Both were designed to meet Texas statutory requirements, control injury care, reduce lost-time costs and improve overall claim outcomes. The FH HCN was developed as more of a broad-based open access network where as the CVTY HCN was developed under a tighter network approach. With the recent expansion, both HCNs now cover the same number of counties, however, the FH HCN includes nearly twice as many providers.

About Coventry Workers' Comp Services

Coventry Workers' Comp Services, a division of Coventry Health Care, Inc., is the leading provider of cost and care management solutions for property and casualty insurance carriers, (workers' compensation and auto insurers), third-party administrators and self-insured employers. We design best-in-class products and services to help our partners restore the health and productivity of injured workers and insureds as quickly and as cost effectively as possible. We accomplish this by developing and maintaining consultative, trusting partnerships with our clients and stakeholders, built on a foundation of innovative and customized solutions that support the claims management process.

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