



## **Connection Dental® Network Earns Re-Accreditation from URAC**

Lee's Summit, MO (August 3, 2011) - PPO USA is pleased to announce that the CONNECTION Dental network once again has been awarded Health Network Accreditation from URAC, a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry.

"CONNECTION Dental has been accredited for Health Network since 2005 and recently was awarded reaccreditation for Health Network with credentialing through 2013," said Dianna Sleyster, GEHA's Compliance Administrator. PPO USA is a division of GEHA.

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is a leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation and certification programs. URAC's standards keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a mark of distinction for health care organizations to demonstrate their commitment to quality and accountability.

URAC's Health Network Accreditation is the premier accreditation program for PPOs and similar networks. Developed and continuously revised through a consensus-driven process involving hundreds of volunteer industry experts, URAC standards set the bar on health and managed care accreditation.

About PPO USA. PPO USA was formed in 1997 as a division of Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (GEHA). GEHA is the second-largest national health plan for federal employees, retirees and their dependents. GEHA was incorporated as a not-for-profit member association in 1937 to provide health insurance to Federal Employees.

The PPO USA division markets access to the provider networks developed and/or organized by GEHA. The networks available from PPO USA are CONNECTION Dental, CONNECTION Vision powered by EyeMed and CONNECTION Hearing by HearPO.