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## Changing Florida's Healthcare Landscape for Employers and Employees Crowne Consulting Group's worksite health and wellness centers grow in popularity.

**Sept. 12, 2012 (Ocoee, Fla.)** – <u>Crowne Consulting Group, Inc.</u> is helping a growing number of organizations lower healthcare costs by enhancing employee benefits and offering onsite health and wellness centers for their employees.

The Crowne Consulting Group collaborates with Tennessee-based CareHere, LLC to operate 24 on-site health centers throughout Florida. To name a few, the City of Leesburg, City of Ocala, City of Ocoee, Lake Schools, St. Johns Schools, and Charlotte County are offering onsite medical care for employees. Add to that the City of Sanford opening earlier this week, and Lake Mary and Longwood projected for fall.

Motivators behind this trend include:

- Employees pay no co-pay, which keeps utilization high. Also, generic drugs, primary care, x-rays, screenings, disease management, and wellness services are all free.
- Worksite-based care makes visiting the doctor more convenient for employees who typically neglect basic care or delay treatment.
- Some employers have seen insurance claims drop 15 percent in gross costs within one
  year of launching on-site care, while other employers have sustained nearly a 4 percent
  decrease in claims costs during a four-year span.

"It's a win-win for employers and employees because easier access to preventive care ensures that risks can be uncovered before becoming high-dollar medical claims," said Ray Tomlinson, president of Crowne Consulting Group, which was recently profiled in <u>Orlando Business Journal</u> and <u>Governing Magazine</u>.

A news segment highlighting how Pasco Schools saved \$2 million in the first year of opening its CareHere center is available at http://www.crowneinc.com/news/.

## **About Crowne Consulting Group, Inc:**

Crowne Consulting Group, Inc., founded in 1986, consults and provides administrative oversight services for onsite health and wellness centers to employers and is a related company with The Crowne Group, an employee benefits consulting firm, specializing in employer solutions and personal lines of insurance. Crowne's experts have a cumulative 100 years of experience in serving public sector employers such as school boards, city and county government, as well as private organizations. The firm's mission is to bring innovative solutions that meet the fiscal responsibility of employers and maximizes investments. Solutions for consumer-driven plans include health reimbursement arrangements, self-funded plans, onsite health and wellness centers, as well as risk management and human resources consulting.

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