

ANNOUNCEMENT – For Immediate Release

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November 28, 2011 – Maine Specialty IPA, a Maine independent practice association representing over 250 physicians, recently announced the addition of Allergy & Asthma Associates of Maine, Eyecare Medical Group, and Maine Center for Cancer Medicine to its membership. Maine Specialty IPA also includes Chest Medicine Associates, Coastal Women’s Health Care, Plastic & Hand Surgical Associates, Portland Gastroenterology Associates, OA Centers for Orthopaedics and Spectrum Medical Group.

ABOUT MAINE SPECIALTY IPA

Maine Specialty IPA is Maine’s largest physician owned and led independent practice association focusing on sharing resources to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and coordination of care, and partnering with other healthcare providers to deliver high-quality, low cost medical services to Maine employers, payers and consumers. The physician association is unique in countering a trend away from independent practice and towards hospital-based employment. Economic pressures in the form of rising costs and lower payments for procedures have forced many private practice medical groups in Maine to give up their independence and to become employed by ever larger regional health organizations.