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**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE RECOGNIZES
PRIMARY HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP FOR IMMUNIZATION EFFORTS**

Boise, May 4, 2009 – Primary Health Medical Group was recently recognized by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare for its Varicella immunization efforts. The Primary Health Medical Group Pediatrics Clinic has successfully completed 96% of Varicella immunizations in eligible children. The medical group was presented with a certificate from Rebecca Coyle, Idaho Immunization Program Manager for the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare acknowledging their success at the ShotSmarts Immunization Workshop in April 2009.

Idaho is continually ranked near the bottom of the nation in childhood immunization rates – currently at the third-lowest rate of immunizations in the nation. According to the National Immunization Survey, Idaho’s immunization rate for children ages 19-35 months is 65.6%, compared to a national average of 77.4% of children being fully immunized. Low immunization rates can lead to a greater risk of children contracting and becoming seriously ill from preventable diseases.

Boise-based Primary Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty medical group that was created by physicians who have practiced in Idaho for more than twenty years. The group sees over 200,000 patient visits a year through multiple clinics located in Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, and Caldwell. The majority of the clinics offer appointment family practice and urgent care services and are staffed by family practitioners, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The group also has physicians in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, dermatology, occupational medicine, and ear, nose, and throat. Learn more about Primary Health Medical Group at www.phmgidaho.com.

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