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### Wexford Health signs long-term contract with State of Illinois

PITTSBURGH, PA (September 2, 2011) — Wexford Health Sources, Inc. is pleased to announce that the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has awarded Wexford Health a contract to provide comprehensive medical, dental, mental health, and pharmacy services to approximately 45,000 sentenced adult offenders remanded to the care of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). Wexford Health recently signed and successfully implemented the contract, worth more than \$1.36 billion over a ten-year period, including all twenty-seven (27) adult correctional centers across Illinois.

The company's history of long-term partnership with the State of Illinois is unparalleled, beginning in 1992, the year Wexford Health was founded. Over the years, the company has implemented many clinical quality and cost-saving initiatives for the IDOC, including a telepsychiatry program, Wexford Health's unique Collegial Review<sup>SM</sup> process, and a computerized pharmacy system.

Wexford Health president and CEO Mark Hale stated, "After almost 20 years of service to the State, Wexford Health feels at home in Illinois. We know the people and the environment, and understand the financial and political issues facing the IDOC, along with their health care needs. Our national presence, financial stability, and robust infrastructure enable us to provide the Department with consistent, cost-effective, quality services."

Over the past two decades, Wexford Health has successfully managed health care programs for more than 260 correctional facilities and other types of institutions across the country, including prisons, jails, juvenile detention centers, substance abuse facilities, mental health units, and sex offender treatment centers.

*Wexford Health Sources, one of the nation's largest correctional health care companies, provides medical, mental health, pharmacy, rehabilitation, utilization management, claims processing, and technology services to state, regional, and local clients across the country. The Pittsburgh-based company helps governments, correctional facilities, and other institutions control inmate health care costs while maintaining quality of care.*

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