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Quality Associates Processing H1N1 Swine Flu Consent Forms for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Fulton, Md. – October 26, 2009 – Quality Associates, Inc. (QAI) www.qualityassociatesinc.com, an established provider of services and solutions for large-scale document management, imaging, and archiving, announced it is processing H1N1 swine flu vaccine consent forms on behalf of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Starting immediately, Quality Associates is converting thousands of one-page handwritten forms in both English and Spanish into searchable, accurate, and accessible digital electronic files for use by state health officials.

Quality Associates expects to process more than 1.5 million consent forms collected from across the state. The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2010.

Quality Associates is employing a four-step process to perform the work. First, the company consulted with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to understand their requirements and the scope of the project. The company then worked with state officials to design a streamlined, easy-to-use form for each vaccine recipient to fill out prior to receiving the inoculation. Quality Associates is now processing the forms and performing vital quality assurance steps to ensure data accuracy. In addition, Quality Associates will provide the digital files and original hard-copy paper forms to the state. The data captured on each form includes details as required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Maryland.

Scott Swidersky, director, Information Systems, Quality Associates, Inc., said, "The arrival of the H1N1 swine flu vaccine has long been anticipated, but few states and municipalities are actually prepared to handle the accompanying flood of paperwork that will quickly pile up as the vaccine is administered. They will soon be dealing with thousands upon thousands of handwritten forms that

will continue to accumulate for the duration of the flu season. The state of Maryland is taking the lead and has already proactively found a solution to this impending paperwork crisis by partnering with a firm with extensive experience in handling and digitizing the forms used during mass immunizations.”

Quality Associates focuses on providing services to government agencies and private companies in regulated industries such as accounting, legal, healthcare, and finance. Quality Associates is a GSA Federal Supply Service (FSS) contract holder. To find out more about QAI’s new H1N1 Flu Vaccine Forms Processing Service, call (800) 488-3547.

[About Quality Associates, Inc.](#)

Quality Associates, Inc. (QAI) provides customized solutions and services that turn printed materials and electronic information into useful, organized data that can be readily located and accessed by authorized users. From scanning and imaging to complete, searchable systems that bring information directly to the desktop, QAI offers complete systems integration, support, and post-deployment training to ensure success. Founded in 1986 and based near Baltimore and Washington, D.C., QAI has grown from a one-person consultancy into a trusted, experienced Value-Added Reseller (VAR) with an extensive electronic content management (ECM) supplier and partner network. QAI works with federal, state, and local agencies; schools, colleges, and universities; chemical and manufacturing companies; hospitals and pharmaceutical, healthcare, and medical research organizations; financial, accounting, and law firms; professional associations and many others. For more information, call (800) 488-3547 or visit www.qualityassociatesinc.com.

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