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**CDPHP® Awards Grant to
Enhance Breast Navigation Program**

Kingston, N.Y. – October 15, 2012 – Hudson Valley women will soon have access to more comprehensive breast health, thanks to a gift from Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP®). The funding was recently awarded to the Benedictine Health Foundation to benefit the Fern Feldman Anolick Center for Breast Health, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley. The funds will be used to purchase new Breast Patient Navigator software and support outreach tools.

Mary Martin, Certified Breast Patient Navigator for HealthAlliance, works closely with breast cancer patients to ensure their needs are met from their initial abnormal imaging through biopsy, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship of breast malignancies. Ms. Martin helps eliminate barriers that may prevent patients from following through with treatment such as fear or anxiety, financial constraints, cultural differences, family circumstances or limited knowledge of the healthcare system.

The new software, funded by CDPHP, will offer the treatment team an effective patient tracking database. The software alerts the Breast Patient Navigator when a patient is due for imaging or treatment. The navigator can then contact the physician to ensure patient compliance or, if necessary, contact the patient to discuss possible barriers to care. This enhances patient outcomes, reduces mortality and lessens the incidence of advanced cancer.

Ms. Martin said the software will increase the efficiency of the Breast Patient Navigator Program.

“More quality time can be spent ensuring no roadblocks arise and less time with paperwork,” said Martin. “Thank you to CDPHP for digitizing this process and joining our commitment to breast health patients.”

“We know that about one in eight women will develop breast cancer over the course of her lifetime,” said John D. Bennett, MD, president and CEO, CDPHP. “We’re proud to partner with Benedictine Hospital to support a program that will provide Hudson Valley women with more comprehensive care when it comes to breast health.”

In addition to the navigation program, patients are provided with supportive outreach tools to make their experience more manageable, less stressful, and also offer clear steps to help patients maintain personal records, contacts and references from detection through treatment.

David Lundquist, CEO of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, said the organization’s continued partnership with CDPHP increases the community’s access to quality care.

“Our unique partnership allows us to operate in a community health model of providers and payors working together,” said Lundquist. “This contribution to our Breast Patient Navigator Program will help patients link with our excellent physicians, nurses and patient care team, and state-of-the-art technologies.”

Last year, HealthAlliance earned a Gold Seal of Approval™ from The Joint Commission for its Breast Cancer Care program. The certification was the first of its kind issued in the state and the sixth in the nation.

The Fern Feldman Anolick Center for Breast Health, located on the Benedictine Hospital Campus, provides comprehensive breast imaging including screening and diagnostic mammography, and breast ultrasonography. Procedures such as minimally invasive biopsies are performed utilizing ultrasound and stereotactic guidance. The Center for Breast Health is part of Benedictine Hospital’s Cancer Center that offers radiation oncology, medical oncology, surgical procedures, additional support services and pastoral care. As part of a comprehensive approach to each patient’s treatment plan, every facet of the breast cancer imaging and treatment team interacts within the Breast Steering Committee to maintain connections.

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About Benedictine Health Foundation

The Benedictine Health Foundation supports the healthcare programs, services, and facilities of Benedictine Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®. For further information, contact Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, at (845) 334-3186.

About HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®

HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley® is the alignment of Benedictine Hospital (150-bed acute care facility), Kingston Hospital (150-bed acute care facility), Margaretville Hospital (15-bed critical access facility), Mountainside Residential Care Center (82-bed skilled nursing facility) and Woodland Pond at New Paltz (continuing care retirement community). As the parent organization, HealthAlliance provides a unified governance structure, while still allowing each hospital to continue as a separate and distinct corporation. The goal of HealthAlliance is to strengthen the quality of care and bring forward enhanced technology to serve the

present and future healthcare needs in the Hudson Valley. HealthAlliance and its affiliate facilities are committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care and ensuring patient safety, privacy and dignity to all. For further information about HealthAlliance visit our website at www.HAHV.org.

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