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HealthTrust to Send \$13.9 Million to Towns, Cities, Schools, Counties
Announces partial return of money owed by Property-Liability Trust

Concord, NH – Today, the HealthTrust Board of Directors voted to send HealthTrust members a total of \$13.9 million obtained from the former Property-Liability Trust, Inc.'s (PLT) coverage lines, representing a substantial portion of the \$17.1 million owed to HealthTrust by PLT. The board plans to send the money to its members – towns, cities, schools, counties and other local government entities – as soon as possible after June 30, 2014, pending approval of HealthTrust's regulator, the Bureau of Securities Regulation (BSR).

"This is good news for taxpayers across New Hampshire," said HealthTrust Executive Director Peter Bragdon. "The HealthTrust board is committed to sending this money back to our members as soon as possible and working diligently to return the additional funds as they become available to bring the total to \$17.1 million."

The \$13.9 million represents an increase from the \$12.2 million original estimates of how much was available to return to members. The increase is the result of an actuarial analysis of the PLT coverage lines, conducted as part of HealthTrust's management of PLT assets. The independent actuary's analysis found that due to better than anticipated claims costs, reserves could be lowered resulting in additional surplus. This positive trend may be due to highly responsible behaviors by the covered groups who have been supported through the comprehensive claims handling and management programs developed by PLT and now provided through HealthTrust.

HealthTrust Chief Operating Officer Wendy Parker said that even with this payment of \$13.9 million, "groups who have coverage through these PLT lines should feel confident since all of the PLT expected claims liability is still fully funded as is the full 90% confidence level reserve."

The property, liability and workers' compensation lines have seen a steady decline in claims over the last several years. This has increased the available net assets allowing for payment of \$13.9 million at this time.



Parker continued, "The participating groups themselves have made this possible by being extremely smart about their operations and taking complete advantage of the available programs that assist in keeping things safe and secure."

In 2012, PLT was ordered by the BSR to pay HealthTrust \$17.1 million, an order that was upheld by the New Hampshire Supreme Court on January 10, 2014. Because PLT did not have \$17.1 million, above and beyond what was needed to pay claims, HealthTrust and PLT put into operation a Settlement Agreement, whereby HealthTrust acquired all the assets and liabilities of PLT. HealthTrust stated at the time that the purpose of the Settlement Agreement was to allow HealthTrust to maximize the amount of money recovered from PLT and subsequently returned to HealthTrust members.

About HealthTrust, Inc.

HealthTrust Inc. (www.healthtrustnh.org) provides high-quality, cost-effective employee benefit products and services for public employers and employees in New Hampshire in order to reduce costs through pooling strategies with a commitment to education, health promotion and disease prevention.