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**Population Health Impact Institute Releases Methods Evaluation Process™ (MEP™)
Accreditation Standards for Public Comment Period**

Case Management Society of America to Sponsor MEP Workshop at Annual Conference

LOVELAND, OH, May 22, 2008 / PR Newswire -- The Population Health Impact Institute (PHII), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, today announces the opening of the public comment period for the draft Methods Evaluation Process™ (MEP™) Accreditation Standards. The comment period ends on July 7, 2008.

Thomas Wilson PhD, DrPH, PHII Co-Founder and Board Chair notes "The MEP Program provides purchasers, providers, payers and other stakeholders with a process to accredit any valid attribution method associated with numerous types of population health programs. The MEP Accreditation Program standards are based on generally accepted business evaluation principles of transparency, scientific validity and decision support concepts. MEP accreditation allows the application of a consistent set of evidence-based practices to the numerous methods used to attribute change to a specific program; it is totally complementary to the "structure, process, and outcomes" focus of traditional accreditation standards.

Garry Carneal, JD MA, PHII Board Member and Standards Committee Chair, said "The public comment period for the draft MEP Accreditation Standards is critical in the development of a new accreditation program. Over 50 volunteers representing purchasers, providers, payers, industry and academia have helped PHII to draft these Standards over the past six months. The public comment period will ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to comment regarding the MEP Standards."

On June 19th, PHII will offer a MEP Workshop in Orlando, Florida entitled 'Giving Credit Where Credit is Due — The Science and Art of Calculating Clinical and Financial Outcomes Based Upon the Methods Evaluation Process'. This Workshop will take place in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Case Management Society of America.

The draft MEP Accreditation Standards are posted at www.PHIinstitute.org for review and comment. Comments can be sent to MEP@PHIinstitute.org or mailed to PHII Standards Committee, 10663 Loveland-Madeira Rd. #210B, Loveland, Ohio 45140.

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