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## News from Quality Quest for Health of Illinois

### New Partnering Organization

( October 19, 2009) -- The Unland Companies has joined the Quality Quest for Health of Illinois healthcare collaborative. Located in Pekin, the Unland Companies is an independent insurance agency providing personal and commercial/business insurance, bonds, claim services, and employee benefits/financial services. The Unland Companies strives to differentiate itself in the marketplace by adding progressive and innovative programs and services for its customers. The company continues to grow and now has 21 employees.

### Recent Professional Activities of Dr. Gail Amundson, Quest CEO

Below are four items related to professional activities of Quest CEO Dr. Gail Amundson:

- Gail Amundson, MD, Quality Quest for Health of Illinois CEO, was the lead author of an article entitled “Diabetes Care Quality: Insurance, Health Plan, and Physician Group Contributions” that was published in the September 2009 issue of *The American Journal of Managed Care*.
- Dr. Amundson was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* for an article about the origins and development of Minnesota Community Measurement, an organization she helped found in 2002. MN Community Measurement is a collaborative of medical groups, clinics, physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, and consumers that brings transparency to the healthcare system by publicly reporting performance and patient satisfaction information. The article will be published October 27.
- Dr. Amundson attended the National Governor’s Association State Alliance for e-Health 2nd Annual State Learning Forum, held in Washington, D.C. in September as a consultant on population health and measurement.
- Dr. Amundson was a panel moderator and presenter with Anne Beal, PhD, President of the Aetna Foundation and Captain Peter Briss, MD, MPH, of the Centers for Disease Control at the National Quality Forum Fall Policy Conference, held October 14 and 15 in Washington, D.C. The panel discussion topic was “Population Health: A Critical Component of Health Reform.”

### **About Quality Quest for Health of Illinois**

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in our state. We bring physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivered. We collect data related to specific Quest projects and report performance information to the medical community and the public. The information helps providers compare their performance to peers and regional/national benchmarks and to improve patient care.

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