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Transcend Technologies Group Announces Real-Time Integration of *benefitsCONNECT*[®] with Unum[®] plane.biz

Integration provides brokers with a comprehensive solution that more efficiently serves the needs of large employer groups by delivering self-service benefits enrollment for Unum products, as well as offerings from other carriers.

Sacramento, CA – May 19, 2009—Transcend Technologies Group, a leading provider of web-based software applications for the health and benefits industry, today announces the real-time integration of *benefitsCONNECT*[®] with the Unum[®] (NYSE: UNM) plane.biz platform. *benefitsCONNECT*[®] is a web-based benefits enrollment and administration system that provides one-stop benefits management and fully automated EDI data exchange connectivity among employer groups, insurance carriers, TPAs, payroll vendors, and brokers. With a few clicks, employees can now seamlessly enroll in a broad suite of Unum's insurance products—including life and long-term care products, critical illness and accident protection—from within *benefitsCONNECT*[®].

Employees start in *benefitsCONNECT*[®] where they verify eligibility and census information. After this information is saved, they are directed through their benefits selection, including any Unum benefits being offered, which are embedded within *benefitsCONNECT*[®] through Unum's plane.biz *Exchange* technology. After completing all elections, employees may review their election details, which are displayed in a convenient and understandable format.

"We are pleased to partner with Unum to help facilitate an employee self-service process that not only streamlines enrollment, but also reduces the administrative burden for employer groups," says Troy R. Underwood, President and CEO of Transcend. "Being able to integrate enrollment for benefit offerings from other carriers further extends the functionality of *benefitsCONNECT*[®] and demonstrates Unum's forward-thinking collaborative approach, which is changing the way brokers and employer groups deliver benefits."

"We recognize that more and more employers are moving to web-based benefits administration systems and are pleased to create a plane.biz exchange connection between Unum's enrollment system and *benefitsCONNECT*[®]," says Bill Dalicandro, Vice President of Enrollment at Unum. "Unum's plane.biz exchange provides customers who use proprietary benefits administration systems with an efficient way to offer Unum's voluntary products to their employees. Our partnership will provide employers and their employees with a best in class enrollment experience for both their core benefits as well as Unum's voluntary products."

Unum, a leader in supplemental benefits sold at the worksite, developed the user-friendly plane.biz platform to support enrollment for its full array of products during face-to-face sessions, through call centers, or by employee self-service on the Internet—helping to meet the needs of employers with multiple locations. To facilitate self-service, plane.biz leads the employee through an easy to understand process, enabling an accurate paperless enrollment experience.

benefitsCONNECT[®], a web-based benefits administration and enrollment system, provides HRIS functionality to the employer and employee, payroll and vendor data integration, consolidated billing, employee benefits and statements, employee self-service and communications, manager self-service and communications, broker commission tracking, as well as COBRA and FSA/HRA tracking. Enrollment and eligibility data is exchanged electronically through an advanced, EDI-enabled, Software as a Service (SaaS) platform.

About Transcend Technologies Group, Inc.

Founded in 2001, Transcend Technologies Group, Inc. (Sacramento) is a privately held company that specializes in Web-based software applications for the health and benefits industry. Transcend has established clients in 43 states who entrust their book of business to *benefitsCONNECT*[®]. For additional information, visit www.benefitsconnect.net, contact Ja'Nene Kane at 916-421-4000, or e-mail jkane@benefitsconnect.net.

About Unum

Unum (www.unum.com) is one of the leading providers of employee benefits products and services in the United States and the United Kingdom. Through its subsidiaries, Unum Group provided nearly \$6 billion in total benefits to customers in 2008.

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