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**Case Management Society of America to Establish
the Case Management Body of Knowledge**

*Body of Knowledge To Serve as the Foundation
for the Growth and Recognition of the Case Management Profession*

Little Rock, AR (PRWEB) April 13, 2011 – Due to the widespread interest and continued need for a common body of knowledge for professionals in the case management industry, the Case Management Society of America (CMSA) is forming a cooperative alliance of education foundations, universities, professional societies, leading management organizations and health care professionals to develop the central Case Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK).

With broad industry support and input, the CMBOK will be a significant and widely accepted resource outlining the core areas of knowledge, skills, and abilities that all case management professionals should possess. “Case management professionals are at a key stage in their development,” said CMSA’s 2010-2011 President, Teri Treiger, RN-C, MA, CCM, CCP. “A well-articulated Case Management Body of Knowledge becomes a living resource which serves to advance the practice toward recognition as a profession through collaborative action around a common learning and career path structure.”

The development of the CMBOK will be an important foundation for the continued growth and recognition of the case management profession. With such a resource, accountable care organizations, purchasers, payers and employers will have a starting point for evaluating candidate qualifications, and legislators will have a point of reference for developing programs to promote the common good and protect the public. Likewise, the CMBOK will be a central resource for course and curriculum planning for academic and professional programs at four-year and two-year institutions.

“It is our hope that this essential Body of Knowledge will become the most comprehensive resource available for those seeking to assess and develop their expertise in the case management profession,” said Cheri A. Lattimer, RN, BSN, Executive Director for CMSA. “Additionally, the CMBOK will provide a career framework for those wanting to enter the case management profession, allowing interested individuals to confidently drive their own career development by acquiring skills and knowledge which are nationally recognized.”

In the upcoming weeks, CMSA will release additional details regarding the alliance’s roles and functions. For more information, contact Robert A. Pruss, Director of Communications for CMSA, via email at press@cmsa.org or by phone at (501) 673-1142.

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About CMSA

Established in 1990, the Case Management Society of America is an international non-profit 501(c)(6) multi-disciplinary professional association dedicated to the support and advancement of the case management profession through educational forums, networking opportunities, legislative advocacy, and establishing standards to advance the profession. It is based in Little Rock, Ark., and serves more than 20,000 members/subscribers and over 70 affiliate and pending chapters. Since its inception, CMSA has been at the forefront of setting professional standards for the industry, which allows for the highest level of efficiency and integrity, as well as developing national and local leaders who are recognized for their practice and professional excellence. Visit <http://www.cmsa.org> for more information.