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## *Press Release*

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### **HOW EASIER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE LOWERS COSTS**

***Crowne Consulting Group reports onsite health centers reduce risks and cut costs***

**Jan. 18, 2012 (Ocoee, Fla.)** – For a large number of governments and municipalities in Florida, employee health centers are just what the doctor ordered. Adopting the onsite health model is improving quality of employee healthcare while decreasing costs.

[Crowne Consulting Group, Inc.](#) collaborates with Tennessee-based [CareHere, LLC](#) to operate 23 employee health and wellness centers throughout Florida. Ray Tomlinson, president of Crowne Consulting Group, explains why easier access translates to lower costs for employers and employees:

- 1) Worksite health services reduce “time off” and increase incentives to seek medical care.
- 2) Employees pay zero copays and no deductibles, preventing delays for financial reasons.
- 3) Primary care, labs, free prescriptions and more are fulfilled in a convenient visit.
- 4) Disease management and wellness programs ensure chronic diseases are kept in check.
- 5) Free health risk assessments (HRAs) and lab work for evaluation of cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure are conducted onsite to uncover or mitigate health risks.

Approximately 96 percent of the City of Ocoee’s more than 300 eligible employees utilized HRAs and wellness programs offered at its health center, helping the city prevent high-dollar claims for chronic diseases including diabetes and congestive heart failure.

Prior to hiring Crowne in April 2008, Ocoee faced annual premium increases of 15-24 percent. Over 6,800 visits at the Ocoee health center and nearly 1000 more visits at its partner center in the City of Apopka occurred within the first two years, saving the city more than \$1 million, including more than a 70 percent decrease in workers’ compensation medical costs.

#### **About Crowne Consulting Group, Inc.:**

Crowne Consulting Group, Inc., founded in 1986, consults and provides administrative oversight services for onsite health and wellness centers to employers and is a related company with The Crowne Group, an employee benefits consulting firm, specializing in employer solutions and personal lines of insurance. Crowne’s experts have a cumulative 100 years of experience in serving public sector employers such as school boards, city and county government, as well as private organizations. The firm’s mission is to bring innovative solutions that meet the fiscal responsibility of employers and maximizes investments. Solutions for consumer-driven plans include health reimbursement arrangements, self-funded plans, onsite health and wellness centers, as well as risk management and human resources consulting.

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