



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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HealthNet, MHN to Sponsor Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic

Snowmass, Colo. – More than 400 disabled veterans are expected to ski the Rocky Mountains at the 24th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colo., near Aspen, from March 28-April 2. With support from corporate sponsors like Health Net and MHN Government Services, recently wounded veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be able to participate in the largest annual rehabilitation event of its kind in the world.

The clinic is open to all U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injuries or disease, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations or other disabilities, who receive care at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities.

During the six-day program, veterans will learn adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing and be introduced to a variety of other adaptive activities and sports, such as rock climbing, scuba diving, snowmobiling and sled hockey. The U.S. Secret Service will also teach a course on self-defense for people with disabilities.

Health Net and MHN's support will benefit nearly 150 first-time veterans and several active duty combat wounded soldiers to attend the Clinic. Health Net and MHN will also provide a group of employees to volunteer throughout the duration of the event.

"This year marks the fifth anniversary of Health Net's participation as a Host Sponsor of the Veterans Winter Sports Clinic," said Steve Tough, president, Health Net Federal Services. "Through MHN and Health Net Federal Services, Health Net is proud to continue our tradition of supporting veterans with disabilities by helping them to attend this annual event that changes their lives and gives them hope for the future."

Because Health Net recognizes the benefits of a holistic approach to wellness, our behavioral health subsidiary, MHN, will provide on-site health coaches to offer support and education for participating veterans and their families. The coaches will deliver an educational presentation and provide support and coaching to attendees, their family members and caregivers to help them respond to life's challenges through positive coping techniques and stress management.

Health Net Federal Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Health Net, Inc., has a long history of providing cost-effective, quality managed health care programs for government agencies, including the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. As the behavioral health division of Health Net, MHN has provided family counseling and advocacy services to military personnel and their families since 2004.

In addition to the generous host sponsorship of Health Net and MHN, the event is co-sponsored by the VA and Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

“Health Net and MHN’s commitment to this unique rehabilitative event is a testament to the company’s care and concern for our nation’s sick and disabled veterans,” said DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson. “The ‘Miracles on a Mountainside’ would not be possible without the generosity of companies like Health Net and MHN and the support they provide.”

The VA (www.va.gov) is a government agency that runs 1,300 health care facilities for veterans across the United States. DAV (www.dav.org) is a nonprofit, Congressionally chartered veterans service organization with a membership of more than 1.3 million wartime disabled veterans. The Winter Sports Clinic provides participants with a full range of sports, recreation and educational opportunities.

For more information, visit www.hnfs.net and www.mhnngs.com

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