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**AVMED HEALTH PLANS IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE HEALTHWAYS  
AS “ELITE” SUPPLIER OF WELLNESS SOLUTIONS**

**MIAMI, June 9, 2010** — AvMed Health Plans is proud to recognize benefits partner, Healthways, on achieving “Elite” status as a supplier of wellness, prevention and chronic care solutions. Healthways provides disease management support to AvMed’s chronically ill members living with diabetes, heart failure, coronary artery disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma.

“Healthways is an integral part of our mission of improving the health of our members, said Kirk Cianciolo, M.D., AvMed’s Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. “Achieving elite status, solidifies Healthways’ proven evidence-based programs. We are pleased and proud to be their partner.”

Healthways was recognized by industry pioneer and president of the Disease Management Purchasing Consortium (DMPC), Al Lewis. In a recent press release, Lewis stated: “Achieving Elite Status reflects the consistent validity of Healthways’ outcomes and enables its customers to secure additional performance guarantees through the DMPC performance guarantee program.”

[View the entire story at Healthways](#)

AvMed is one of Florida’s oldest and largest not-for-profit health plans, and is solely focused on providing health coverage to Florida citizens and businesses. AvMed is one of only a few health plans in the United States that enjoys dual “Excellent” accreditation status for both its commercial and Medicare health plans from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. AvMed offers health coverage options to large and small employers in most major markets around the state, and individual coverage in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. South Florida seniors can access Medicare Advantage and pharmacy coverage through AvMed Medicare Preferred.

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