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NC Tax Credits for Small Business Health Insurance

(Greensboro, NC) North Carolina small businesses can take advantage of a \$250 tax credit per eligible employee covered on their 2007 group health insurance plans. Small businesses with 1 to 25 eligible employees who offered group health insurance in 2007 and paid at least 50% of the employee-only cost may be eligible to take advantage of the tax credit on their 2007 state tax returns.

“This is great news for North Carolina small businesses providing group health insurance to their employees. Small businesses are the engines driving our economy and they deserve all the help they can get. A \$250 tax credit per employee is a good start” says Johnny Dawkins, President of the North Carolina Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). Small businesses can learn more by reading the NAHU “Small Business Tax Credits for Health Insurance” brochure at www.ncahu.org.

In 2006, the North Carolina General Assembly approved tax credits for small businesses who offer health insurance to their employees. The tax credits, which may be taken on state income tax returns filed in 2008, are for eligible small businesses who offered health insurance to their employees during 2007. In order to qualify, small business group health insurance benefits must equal or exceed the minimum requirements of the state’s small group basic health care plan. An eligible employee must also earn less than \$40,000 annually.

It is essential that small business owners consult with their tax professionals to determine whether or not their small business is eligible for the tax credits and what is necessary to claim the tax credit on their state corporate tax return.

The North Carolina Association of Health Underwriters www.ncahu.org is an organization of nearly 1,000 health insurance agents, brokers, consultants and benefit specialists serving the health, disability, and life insurance needs of businesses and individuals throughout North Carolina. Advocates for the interests of consumers of health care in North Carolina and nationally. For more information, please contact Liz Gutierrez at (919) 847-6353 or Liz@ibs4me.com.

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