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Vein Clinics of America Now a Participating BlueCross® BlueShield® of Illinois PPO Provider

Schaumburg, Ill. — Feb. 9, 2006 — Vein Clinics of America (VCA), the largest U.S. medical practice specializing exclusively in the non-surgical treatment of vein disorders, is now part of the doctor network of healthcare providers of BlueCross and BlueShield of Illinois. For more than two decades, VCA has specialized in all aspects of vein disease, including spider veins, large ropey varicose veins, and leg ulcers.

As a member of the BlueCross BlueShield PPO provider network, VCA can now offer patients additional options for insurance coverage for vein disease, decreased co-pays for treatment, and easier access to referrals from their primary care physicians to VCA.

“Our membership in the BlueCross BlueShield PPO provider network will make vein disease treatment more accessible,” said D. Brian McDonagh, M.D., phlebologist, medical director, and founder of Vein Clinics of America. “This means that we will be able to help even more patients who suffer from varicose veins and venous insufficiency.”

VCA is the largest medical practice in the United States specializing exclusively in the non-surgical treatment of varicose veins, leg ulcers, and related vein disorders. Unique to the treatment of varicose veins, VCA offers state-of-the-art Endovenous Laser Treatment (ELT) in addition to its COMPASS™ protocol of sequential ultrasound-guided foam sclerotherapy. As a result, VCA meets the needs of each patient, providing treatment for the largest, ropey varicose vein to the smallest spider vein. Procedures are performed in the physician’s office and are incorporated into a treatment plan designed to lessen the possibility of progression and recurrence common to varicose vein disease. Founded in 1981, VCA has 25 locations throughout Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

For more information regarding vein disorders, ELT or COMPASS procedures, call VCA at 1-800-660-8346 or visit veinclinics.com.

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