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GREEN INITIATIVES AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS PAYING OFF Xcel Energy gives rewarding rebate

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – Rocky Mountain Health Plans is proud to receive a \$43,000 rebate from Xcel Energy for the energy saving improvements that we have made at our Grand Junction corporate office buildings. In addition to receiving a rebate, there will be an estimated energy savings of about \$32,000 per year because of the lighting changes. The new lighting was estimated to pay for itself in approximately five years, but now that the whole process is complete, it is estimated that the lighting system will actually pay for itself in just three years.

The offices received a complete lighting upgrade to energy efficient lighting and power saving technology. Each office buildings' florescent lights have been replaced with new lights, as well as ceiling and wall sensors that sense motion and trigger lights to turn off when no one is occupying a room.

The lighting changes are not the first thing Rocky Mountain Health Plans has done to decrease our environmental footprint. We have taken recycling initiatives so that each of our office buildings' break rooms have had recycling centers for quite some time. We also have a *Green Team* committee that writes newsletters informing employees of further ways to be green.

About Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Founded in Grand Junction, Colo. in 1974, as a locally-owned, not-for-profit organization, Rocky Mountain Health Plans uniquely understands Colorado's health care consumers. We provide access to affordable, quality health care enabling our more than 190,000 Members to live longer, healthier lives. RMHP believes receiving preventive care is key to maintaining good health, which is why it is included as a standard component in our benefit plans. We are the only health plan in Colorado serving every market segment including employers, individuals, Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Plan Plus beneficiaries. We are the first Western Slope employer to receive the Gold Well Workplace award from the Wellness Councils of America. For more information, visit rmhp.org.