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**Horizon Health Services Receives Grant from NYS Office
of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS);
Funds to be Used to Build Facility for Recovering Veterans.**

Buffalo, NY – Governor David A. Paterson and The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS) have approved funding in excess of \$3 million for the construction of a facility on Horizon Health Services' 11-acre Horizon Village campus to serve the intensive residential addiction treatment needs of WNY-area veterans.

The planned 22,000-square-foot treatment facility will contain 25 beds and will provide specialized chemical dependency and mental health services for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) within its current, unique and intensive addiction recovery and family programs. Residents will have full access to Horizon Village's broad range of services, including pre-vocational preparation and on- and off-site educational opportunities. The facility will be adjacent to the existing 50-bed residential facility located at 6301 Inducon Drive East in Sanborn, NY. Construction is to begin in early Fall, 2008.

The National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors indicates that "approximately 40 percent of veterans who have served in Iraq or



Afghanistan will experience a mental health problem and, of those, 60 percent will experience issues with chemical dependency.” Census data indicates there are approximately 166,000 civilian veterans in the eight counties Horizon Village serves.

“The OASAS “Service Need Profile” data indicates there is an 85 percent unmet need for this type of treatment for veterans in the Western New York area,” says NYS OASAS Commissioner Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo. “The development of this facility at Horizon Village will offer timely access to specialized services for veterans and their families desperate for the help they need and deserve.”

“Currently there can be a 4-6-week wait for a bed at Horizon Village,” says Paige Prentice, executive director. “With the addition of this veteran’s facility and the proposed young adult facility for which we are currently raising funds, we will be better positioned to help more Western New Yorkers achieve the recovery they so deserve.”

The grant was secured with the help of NY State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt (D-Buffalo, Grand Island), Senator George Maziarz (R-C, Newfane) and NY State Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte (D-Lewiston).

Horizon Health Services is the largest and most comprehensive provider of fully-integrated mental health, behavioral health, chemical dependency, medical and vocational treatment and recovery services in Western New York.



Horizon Village is Horizon Corporations' 50-bed intensive residential drug treatment program. It is licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and is a cost-effective alternative to hospital-based care, providing opportunities for individuals to experience recovery while living in a unique, safe, therapeutic residential setting. Horizon Village provides innovative, person-centered treatment designed to offer hope for individuals in recovery. For more information on Horizon Health Services or Horizon Village, visit www.horizon-health.org.

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