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#### **New On-Line Health Care Provider Directory for State Employees and School Districts**

A new on-line health care provider directory for State employees and public school districts that participate in the State Health Benefits Program can now be accessed from the State of New Jersey's homepage, Governor Christine Todd Whitman announced today.

The new electronic directory (named the Unified Provider Director) offers more comprehensive, integrated and timely information than previously published listings.

"This new resource will be extremely useful to employees of the State and school districts who are seeking information about doctors and other providers in any of the health plans within the state program," said Governor Whitman. "Employees will be able to search for a physician by name or by specific criteria and can access a broad range of information regarding each doctor, including all network affiliations."

The directory was developed by the Division of Pensions and Benefits with assistance from GeoAccess, Inc. It includes all doctors and other health care professionals who participate in any managed care or discounted network with in the state program.

"The launch of this new project represents another step in our continuing efforts to utilize the latest technology in offering efficient and effective services to our dedicated employees and their families," Whitman continued.

The Unified Provider Directory can be accessed from the State's Home Page or directly at the web site for State health Benefits at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm>).