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## AQUILA SUPPORTS CREATION OF URAC STANDARDS AND MEASURES FOR WELLNESS PROGRAMS

### *I. Yvan Miklin, President & CEO of Aquila, Member of URAC Advisory Group Developing one of the First Wellness Accreditation Programs in the United States*

Washington, DC -- July 28, 2008 -- Aquila announced today its support of URAC's standards and measures for wellness programs, and that Yvan Miklin, Aquila's President and CEO, has been an active member of the URAC Wellness Advisory Committee which is responsible for providing input and feedback on key issues of wellness program operations as it collaborates to draft accreditation standards.

"Employer sponsored health and wellness programs are an important part of a modern approach to promoting the wellbeing of employees here in America and across the world", said Yvan Miklin, Aquila's President & CEO. "URAC's addition of Wellness Accreditation Programs will be an important tool for employers in navigating the health & wellness arena. The Wellness Accreditation Programs will help evaluate if organizations promoting wellness meet industry-recognized standards and measures for effectiveness, safety and quality."

URAC has convened an expert advisory group for creation of accreditation standards and measures for wellness programs in response to employers' requests for quality standards and measures for both comprehensive and focused wellness programs. The more than 50 advisory committee members include employers, health plans, public benefits organizations, health care professional associations, health care providers and wellness promotion companies. The group represents a variety of perspectives from the health care industry and has been collaborating to draft the standards, which were recently released for public comment. The deadline for public comment is Aug. 7, 2008.

Aquila is inviting you to provide your comments and learn more about URAC at:  
<http://www.urac.org/press/cmsDocument.aspx?id=593>

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## **ABOUT AQUILA**

Aquila is a fully integrated health, wellness, fitness and spa management organization that serves clients nationally and internationally. For more than a decade, Aquila has been providing Innovative Programming and Results Oriented Fitness & Wellness Management to Fortune 1000 Companies, Government Agencies, Educational Institutions, and Private Establishments.

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## **ABOUT URAC**

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization is well-known as a leader in promoting health care quality through its accreditation and certification programs. URAC offers a wide range of quality benchmarking programs and services that keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a symbol of excellence for organizations to validate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in establishing meaningful quality measures for the entire health care industry.

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