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ANCOR Welcomes United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) As New Members

January 6, 2017 – The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is delighted to welcome United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and its affiliates as new members to the association.

ANCOR is a vibrant national nonprofit association that advocates for and represents over 1,000 private providers of services and supports to over 800,000 people with disabilities and their families. Collectively, ANCOR members employ a workforce well over ¾ million strong.

“ANCOR’s mission is to advance the ability of our members in supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in their communities, noted Barbara Merrill, ANCOR’s CEO. “With UCP and all of its affiliates now a part of that membership, our capacity to pursue our mission is further strengthened. We are so pleased to see UCP and its affiliates, who have already been strong policy partners in efforts like the Save Our Services Campaign, as members.

“From home ownership to health care reform, inclusive education to competitive employment, UCP has established itself as a leader in the disability community and as a strong voice for individuals with disabilities and their families,” said Rick Forkosh, UCP’s Interim Chief Executive Officer. “This membership arrangement will bolster and support our public policy activities as well as provide each affiliate with prompt and meaningful information related to public policy issues that are relevant to our operations.”

“As an ANCOR member and the current Chair of UCP’s Board of Directors, I am absolutely thrilled to see ANCOR’s member benefits extended to my colleagues at UCP,” remarked Diane Wilush, President & CEO of the United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia & South Carolina. Now all of my UCP counterparts will have access to ANCOR’s robust government relations representation at the federal level, access to exclusive and timely ANCOR content, as well as discounts on technology and I/DD products through the ANCOR marketplace and its Shared Resources Purchasing Network (SRPN).”