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***Trustmark Mutual Holding Co., Charles Schwab and Alliance Benefit Group
Unite To Bring Consumers More HSA Investment Options***

Peoria, IL (October 3, 2005) – Trustmark Mutual Holding Co. (Trustmark) announced that it will offer the **MyHSA** product from The Charles Schwab Trust Company and Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois. Trustmark, through its CoreSource, Starmark, Trustmark Group Insurance and Trustmark Affinity Markets subsidiaries, provides consumer-directed products to companies with two to more than 3,000 employees.

MyHSA is a Health Savings Account program (HSA) that offers participants a fully integrated menu of mutual fund investment choices in addition to a fixed rate of return option. Employee contributions can be made directly or through pretax payroll deductions, and employers may contribute to the **MyHSA** accounts with savings from reduced premiums in either fixed dollar amounts or by matching contributions, as they do with 401(k) plans. The Charles Schwab Trust Company serves as the custodian for **MyHSA**, while the Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois serves as the program's delivery source.

"Earlier this year, Trustmark completed a thorough review of the HSA custodian marketplace. We picked the **MyHSA** product offered through The Charles Schwab Trust Company and Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois for its unique approach to the HSA, which emphasizes the savings and account-building benefits of these funds," said Carol Egan, Trustmark's Second Vice President, Consumer-Centered Health Strategy. "We believe partnering with Schwab and ABG will further strengthen Trustmark's position as the consumer-directed health plan provider that's truly focused on the consumer."

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) have steadily gained momentum in the marketplace since the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act made them possible at the beginning of 2004. In a recent survey of more than 500 employers conducted by Hewitt Associates, 57% said they are considering HSAs. With such popularity, HSAs have begun to evolve from merely a bank deposit account into an investment account.

“MyHSA combined with Trustmark’s Consumer Directed Health Care products is the ideal solution for employers who are concerned about escalating healthcare costs,” said John Blossom, president of Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois.

“Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois is pleased to participate in Trustmark’s market leadership as a high deductible healthcare plan provider. A Trustmark, Charles Schwab, and Alliance Benefit Group of Illinois healthcare solution is a great answer for any employer group.”

ABOUT TRUSTMARK MUTUAL HOLDING CO.

Trustmark Mutual Holding Company, through its subsidiaries, is licensed nationwide to offer a broad line of life, medical, managed care, dental, disability, critical illness and benefit administration products and services to groups and individuals. Subsidiaries and operating divisions include Trustmark Insurance Company, Trustmark Life Insurance Company, CoreSource, Starmark, Trustmark Group Insurance, Trustmark Group Select, Trustmark Affinity Markets and Trustmark Voluntary Benefit Solutions. Trustmark Mutual Holding Company has assets of more than \$1.9 billion and administers more than \$3 billion in health and life benefits annually. Additional information about Trustmark can be found at www.trustmarkcompanies.com.

ABOUT ALLIANCE BENEFIT GROUP

Alliance Benefit Group has independently owned and operated offices in more than fifteen cities across the United States and has been administering participant directed retirement programs and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) programs for more than twenty years. The ABG national network provides daily valuation recordkeeping for over \$4 billion of participant accounts. Alliance Benefit Group strives to provide employers with the “perfect plan” through knowledge and independence.

ABOUT THE CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

The Charles Schwab Trust Company (CSTC), a California state-chartered non-deposit trust company, provides trust and custody services to its customers. Schwab Retirement Technologies, Inc., (SRT) is engaged in developing and licensing proprietary retirement plan recordkeeping systems to independent Third Party Administrators. Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. is a registered broker/dealer, offering the Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account®, (PCRA), as well as other brokerage and custody services to its customers. CSTC and SRT are affiliates of Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., member SIPC, and each of these entities is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Charles Schwab Corporation.

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