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AAAS Employee Benefit Fund Board of Trustees Announce Rates/Benefits for 2017

Montgomery, AL – Steve Kampwerth of Auto Electric & Carburetor Company, Inc. in Birmingham, AL, Chairman of the Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast (AAAS) Employee Benefit Fund board of trustees, recently announced that **the association's group health program will see an average 2.06% increase in rates going into 2017.**

Kampwerth stated, "We all know that great employee benefits at affordable rates are a key in attracting and keeping good reliable employees in our industry. The AAAS program is an invaluable resource to the aftermarket business in meeting this challenge. We are very pleased and proud to be in a position to make today's announcement given the environment for group health in this day and time. With insurers announcing astronomical rate increases and pulling out of some markets we are seeing more and more aftermarket businesses turn to our program and we welcome them. Growth puts us in a position to do an even better job for everyone. AAAS has provided our members a consistent resource for strong benefits at well below market rates for over 35 years now and the Board of Trustees wants the membership to know that the program has never been stronger". Kampwerth also advised that there will be no changes in benefits. "This too is quite an accomplishment as so many employers have had to turn to cost sharing with employees thru larger copays and deductibles as they have dealt with the challenges of ever increasing rates. Our members will not be faced with that tough decision".

The AAAS Employee Benefit Fund is a nonprofit, self-insured, member owned program offering group health, dental, life and vision benefits. The Fund enjoys the participation of over 2,800 owners and employees. Plan administration is provided by the AAAS staff with benefits administered by BlueCross BlueShield, Mutual of Omaha and VSP. The association also handles some of its reinsurance needs through its wholly owned captive insurance company, Chantilly Risk Management. The Fund is a program sponsored by AAAS, Inc. which is a nonprofit 501(c)6 trade association representing the automotive parts manufacture, distribution, service and repair industry in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

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