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## ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions Triples Counseling Capacity To Offer Free Reverse Mortgage Counseling Nationwide

Richmond, VA (February 17, 2011) — Due to recent funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), nonprofit <u>ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions</u> (CCCS) now offers free reverse mortgage counseling by phone across the country.\*

"ClearPoint has tripled our capacity in the last six months," said Martha Viramontes, director of housing for ClearPoint. "We now have 31 HECM-certified counselors providing seniors with reverse mortgage counseling required by HUD. This increased staff, in conjunction with our most recent HUD grant, allows us to serve lenders and their clients more efficiently than ever before and at no cost."

Unlike many other housing counseling agencies, **ClearPoint offers reverse mortgage counseling in person in <u>14 cities</u> throughout the country.** Spanish-speaking counselors are available face-to-face in Fresno, Modesto, Granada Hills and San Bernardino.

Seniors may call 800-467-0906, ClearPoint's dedicated reverse mortgage number, to schedule an appointment with an experienced housing counselor. ClearPoint offers quick turn-around time for appointments. To learn more about our reverse mortgage offerings, lenders may contact Martha Viramontes at 800-750-2227 X4524.

In addition to reverse mortgage counseling, the organization's housing counselors also provide free mortgage default counseling and first-time homebuyer counseling.

Founded more than 30 years ago, ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) and a system-wide accredited business with the Council of Better Business Bureaus (BBB).

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<sup>\*</sup>With the exception of Massachusetts and Minnesota.