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PROVIDENT HEALTHCARE PARTNERS WINS TWO AWARDS

BOSTON, MA – November 28, 2011 – Provident Healthcare Partners was the recipient of two awards at The M&A Atlas Awards; Pharma & Devices Deal of the Year and Boutique Investment Bank Deal Team of the Year.

Provident won Pharma & Devices Deal of the Year in the middle market category for its representation of Acro Specialty Pharmacy, a premier Pharmacy Care Management company with a specific focus on the distribution and clinical aspects of high cost pharmaceutical products, in its acquisition by Lincare Holdings Inc., a provider of respiratory care, infusion therapy, and medical equipment to patients in the home. “Acro will serve as a great specialty platform acquisition for Lincare which we expect to have continued growth both organically and through add-on acquisitions,” noted Michael Patton, Managing Director at Provident. “Provident would not have had the opportunity to receive this award if it had not been for the hard work of the dedicated management team at Acro,” continued Patton.

Bob Ciardi, Managing Partner at Provident Healthcare Partners, and his deal team won the award for Boutique Investment Bank Deal Team of the Year. “On behalf of the entire Provident team, I am honored to be recognized through this award. We have the best deal team in the middle market, and this award both recognizes and confirms our people as the best in the business,” commented Ciardi.

The Annual Awards Gala & Ceremony took place on Tuesday October 25, 2011 at the Harvard Club of New York City. The Awards recognize excellence based on performance metrics such as deal novelty and structure, jurisdictions, leadership, and resourcefulness, among other criteria.

In addition to winning Pharma & Devices Deal of the Year and Boutique Investment Bank Deal Team of the Year, Provident was named a finalist in two additional categories: US Deal of the Year and Healthcare Deal of the Year. Provident was also recognized as one of the Top 10 Boutique M&A Investment Banks of the Year.

About Provident Healthcare Partners

Provident is the leading investment banking firm specializing in merger and acquisition advisory, strategic planning, and capital formation for middle-market and emerging growth healthcare service companies. The firm has a vast network of high-level, senior industry contacts, a thorough knowledge of market sectors and specialties, and unsurpassed experience and insight into the M&A process. Provident uncovers value and opportunities that others often overlook to create transaction premiums for its clients. For additional information on Provident, please visit www.providenthp.com.

About Acro Specialty Pharmacy.

Acro is a specialty pharmacy delivering specialized utilization and therapy management services. Acro offers customized services and cost-effective healthcare management solutions to payors, pharmaceutical manufacturers, providers, and patients. For additional information on Acro Healthcare, LLC visit www.acropharmacy.com.

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