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LINCARE HOLDINGS, INC. STRENGTHENS SPECIALTY INFUSION OPERATIONS THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF INFUSION HOMECARE SERVICES, INC.

Boston, Massachusetts – February 23, 2000 - Provident Healthcare Partners, LLC announced today that its client, Infusion HomeCare Services, Inc. headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, was acquired by Lincare Holdings, Inc., a leading national provider of home respiratory services.

Infusion HomeCare Services, Inc. provides infusion therapy services throughout Alabama and will be an integral component in support of Lincare's regional growth initiatives throughout the Southeast. "We were very pleased with both the level of commitment and the professional representation provided by Provident Healthcare Partners. Provident's expertise directly resulted in the Company becoming part of the premier healthcare provider in the United States" said Chuck Brown, CCO of Infusion HealthCare.

About Lincare Holdings, Inc.

Lincare, headquartered in Clearwater, Florida, is the nation's largest provider of oxygen and other respiratory therapy services to patients in the home. The Company provides services and equipment to over 380,000 customers in 46 states. Lincare provides a broad continuum of services to health care providers through a nationwide network. Their reputation for 24-hour, seven-days-a-week responsiveness, expert service representatives, and professional staff testifies to absolute commitment to provide the very best quality home respiratory service available.

About Infusion HomeCare Services, Inc.

Infusion HomeCare Services, Inc. is a homecare company which provides comprehensive, infusion therapy services to patients of all ages in Northern Alabama and Southern Tennessee. Since the Company's establishment in November 1994, Infusion HomeCare Services has been committed to a cost effective clinical experience. The Company is a JCAHO Accredited infusion therapy.

About Provident Healthcare Partners, LLC

Provident Healthcare Partners is a leading Boston-based investment banking firm specializing in mergers & acquisitions exclusively in the healthcare industry. The firm is comprised of senior level healthcare and corporate finance professionals with in-depth knowledge and extensive transaction experience in all sectors of the healthcare industry.

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INFUSION HOME CARE SERVICES, INC.

has been acquired by



Lincare Holdings, Inc.

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The undersigned initiated and structured this transaction, conducted the negotiations, and acted as exclusive financial advisor to Infusion HomeCare Services, Inc.



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