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ACHC and Cardinal Health VitalSource™ GPO Support Specialty Physician Practices

CARY, N.C. – <u>Accreditation Commission for Health Care</u> (ACHC) announced today a continuation of its strategic alliance agreement with <u>Cardinal Health's VitalSource™ GPO</u>, a group purchasing organization committed to supporting community-based oncology and urology practices. The strategic alliance helps make specialty medications more readily available to these practices.

Through VitalSource[™] GPO's relationships with leading pharmaceutical and biotech manufacturers, its members can gain access to a broad range of competitive contracts, discounts and rebates, as well as manufacturer-sponsored educational activities and solutions. VitalSource[™] GPO offers members a range of technology and practice management solutions that can help community-based providers improve practice efficiency while maintaining high-quality patient care.

"ACHC and VitalSource™ GPO understand the important role that specialty physician practices play in our communities," said Megan Reed, ACHC Pharmacy Program Lead. "Our affiliation strengthens a shared commitment to improving quality of care and optimizing operations."

"Specialty pharmacy accreditation has become mission critical for community practices to become eligible for some of the most efficient therapies on the market," said Amy Valley, Cardinal Health Vice President of Clinical Strategy and Technology Solutions.

"As the specialty therapy market continues to grow, our collaboration with ACHC ensures that we are offering VitalSource[™] GPO members the best opportunities to succeed as a practice and ensure the best quality in patient-care management."

The continued collaboration gives VitalSource[™] GPO members preferred pricing on ACHC Pharmacy and DMEPOS Accreditation. Discounts on select ACHCU educational resources are also available.

About Cardinal Health

Cardinal Health is a distributor of pharmaceuticals, a global manufacturer, and distributor of medical and laboratory products, and a provider of performance, and data solutions for healthcare facilities. With more than 50 years in business, operations in more than 30 countries and approximately 46,500 employees globally, Cardinal Health is essential to care.

Information about Cardinal Health is available at <u>cardinalhealth.com</u>.

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ACHC is a national leader in Pharmacy and DMEPOS Accreditation and offers a comprehensive suite of accreditation and distinction options.

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