



## **February 23, 2007 - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Plexxus engages HealthPRO as its National Group Purchasing Organization**

Plexxus, a Toronto-based supply chain and support services company serving twelve Ontario hospitals, announced today that it has chosen HealthPRO to serve its members' group purchasing needs.

“We see HealthPRO as supporting our strategic sourcing strategy,” says David Yundt, President and Chief Operating Officer, Plexxus. “The products that HealthPRO will contract on our behalf represent an important segment of our total contracts, so it was important for us find a GPO that could bring optimal value to our members. We were also seeking an organization that has a well defined product evaluation process, and is flexible enough to adapt their business model to meet our unique needs. It was also important to us that the organization’s cultural values be compatible with those of Plexxus. We found all of these aspects and qualities in HealthPRO.”

“We are delighted that Plexxus sees the value in working with HealthPRO.” says Mike Foley, President & CEO of HealthPRO. “Our experience working with large and diverse groups of healthcare organizations across Canada equips us well for this new business opportunity. Together, we will be stronger and can drive better value for Plexxus members. This agreement strongly reinforces our position in the national marketplace. It marks a significant step forward in our growth and development and is good news for all HealthPRO members.”

The Agreement is effective immediately. HealthPRO and Plexxus are already working on a transition strategy and plan to make the process as seamless as possible for members.

Plexxus (formerly known as Hospital Business Services) is a not-for-profit company dedicated to providing business support functions to member hospitals in the areas of supply chain management, transactional finance and human resources/payroll services. Its focus is on maximizing non-clinical efficiencies and generating savings for member hospitals, for reinvestment in patient care.

HealthPRO is Canada’s largest procurement services organization. Owned by and responsible to its member shareholders, it offers a comprehensive range of contracts for the highest quality products at the lowest cost, a benchmark product evaluation process and a unique policy of choice and flexibility. Current product and service categories include Pharmacy Services,

Clinical Services and Clinical Specialties, Energy Management, Nutrition & Food Services,  
Special Services and On-site Managed Services.

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