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Agenda

- o Company Overview
- o Growth Strategy
- o Current Activities

- o Industry Update
- o Financial Review

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Genesis Health Ventures
Two Industry Leading Businesses

As of 6/30/2002

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LTM Revenue: \$2.7 BN
LTM EBITDA:\$228 MM

Health Services

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- o NeighborCare
 - Institutional Pharmacy
 - Medical Supplies
 - Infusion
 - o Other Services
 - Rehabilitation
 - Group Purchasing

LTM Rev: \$1.3 BN

ElderCare

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- o Skilled Nursing
 - o Assisted Living
 - o Physician Svcs
 - o Staffing Svcs

LTM Rev: \$1.4 BN

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Geographic Presence

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Favorable Business and Payor Mix

Revenue by Division

- o ElderCare 53%
o NeighborCare 41%
o Other 6%

Payor Mix

- o Medicaid 43%
o Private Pay & Other 39%
o Medicare 18%

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Growth Strategy

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Our Strategy

NeighborCare = Growth Engine

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- o Higher Growth
- o Higher ROE
- o Lower Regulatory Risk

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Institutional Pharmacy Industry

- o \$12 Billion Industry
- o Services Include:
 - Purchasing, repackaging and distribution of pharmaceuticals
 - Therapeutic monitoring and drug utilization review
- o Industry Growth Drivers:
 - Favorable demographic trends
 - Increasing drug utilization
 - New drug technology

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Genesis Health Ventures NeighborCare Revenue Growth Opportunities

- o Increasing Medicare Mix & Acuity in SNFs
 - Limited SNF supply & demographic-driven demand
 - Increasing Medicare census and acuity levels = higher drug utilization
 - Revenue/ Medicare bed is 3.5 times revenue/private bed (\$31.50 compared to \$9.20)
- o New Technology
 - Introduction of new drugs drives price increases
 - 700 new drugs currently under development for elderly population
- o Growth in Beds Served
 - Acquisitions
 - Sales Force Re-engineering / Improved Sales Process

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Genesis Health Ventures NeighborCare Margin Expansion Initiatives

- o Contract Renegotiation with Primary Supplier
 - Improved Pricing Matrix
 - Reduced Purchasing Commitment - Direct Buying
 - Provisions for Forward Buying
- o Operational Best Practices
 - Workflow Process Standardization to Reduce Direct Labor/Script
 - Piloted in Four Sites/ Current Rollout in 5 of 7 Regions
- o Improved Credit Administration
 - DSO Continues to Improve - 9 Days Reduction YTD to 54 Days

Current Activities

NCS Healthcare Acquisition

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NCS Healthcare Acquisition

Expect to Close NCS Acquisition Before December 31, 2002

- o Fourth Largest Institutional Pharmacy in U.S.
 - 74 sites in 33 states
 - 203,000 beds served in 3,300 customer facilities
- o Consideration
 - 1 share of GHVI for 10 shares of NCSS
 - \$322 million in cash to refinance debt
- o Merger and Voting Agreements
 - Signed merger agreement approved unanimously by the Board of Directors and its Independent Committee
 - Signed voting agreement for 65% of voting interest
- o Accretive to Earnings While Maintaining Balance Sheet Strength

NeighborCare and NCS
Institutional Pharmacy Presence

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NCP = Red
NCS = Blue

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NCS Acquisition Rationale

- o Creates second largest institutional pharmacy in U.S.
- o Genesis Healthcare Services revenue grows to 57% of total revenues
- o Expands geographic presence / Enhances national contracting capabilities
- o Complementary customer base / Minimal customer overlap
- o Centralized repackaging facility
- o Industry leading systems and software

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NCS Operational Improvements & Synergies

- o Same Store Operational Improvements Already Being Realized
 - FY 2002 EBITDA of \$39 million (before restructuring charges)
- o Operational Synergies Estimated at \$15-25 million
 - Purchasing improvements through volume discounts
 - Site consolidations
 - Overhead reductions

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Current Activities

Strategic Alternatives

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Evaluating Strategic Alternatives

- o On October 2, 2002, Genesis announced that it was exploring certain strategic business alternatives for its ElderCare assets. Alternatives include:
 - Spin-off
 - Sale
 - Retention
- o Strategic Rationale:
 - Historically higher valuation related to healthcare services
 - Elimination of current market overhang related to the skilled nursing sector
 - x Professional liability costs
 - x Government reimbursement
 - Simplification of strategy and message

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Industry Update

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ElderCare Industry Update

Medicare "Cliff"

- o Add-ons Expired Sept 30: \$35 per day
 - Lame Duck session
- o Congressional Support Exists for Relief:
 - Expect resolution in early December

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ElderCare Industry Update

Professional Liability Costs

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Excess Coverage
\$100,000,000 per occ./agg.

Captive
All Other States
\$800,000 per occ./
\$8,000,000 agg.

Captive
Florida
\$2,500,000 per occ./
\$14,000,000 agg.

- o Capped at \$22MM on an aggregate basis; deductible on a per claim basis
- o Limited exposure in high-risk states & excellent claims experience
- o ElderCare is fully insured on a first dollar basis for claims made through June 1, 2000
- o Self-insurance program in place through captive insurance subsidiary. Retention layer expensed and funded into captive.
- o Excess layers insured through third party insurance carriers

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Financial Review

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Financial Highlights for Second Quarter Ended 6/30/02

- o Solid Revenue Growth and Margin Expansion
 - Revenue grew 7% over the prior year quarter
 - Overall EBITDA margin grew 12% from the prior year quarter
- o Cash and Liquidity Highlights
 - Cash on hand currently exceeds \$100 million
 - \$150 million revolver unused
 - Company-wide focus on A/R reduction: overall DSO reduced 2 days to 53 from prior quarter and 7 days for the YTD

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----- Genesis Health Ventures Summary Financial Data (\$ in Millions) -----

	Nine Months Ended 6/30//01	Nine Months Ended 6/30/02
Inpatient Services	\$994.9	\$1,058.1
Pharmacy & Med Supplies	771.7	835.4
Other Revenue	115.6	126.1
Total Revenue	\$1,882.2	\$2,019.6
EBITDAR	\$179.3	\$192.3
EBITDAR Margin	9.5%	9.5%
EBITDA	\$152.3	\$171.6
EBITDA Margin	8.1%	8.5%

Note: Excludes debt restructuring, reorganization costs and related charges and synthetic lease restructure

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----- Genesis Health Ventures Summary Segment Data (\$ in Millions) -----

	Nine Months Ended 6/30//01	Nine Months Ended 6/30/02
Inpatient Services		
Revenue	\$994.9	\$1,058.1
EBITDA	92.0	115.9
EBITDA Margin	9.3%	11.0%
EBITDA Growth		26.0%
Pharmacy & Medical Supplies		
Revenue (incl intercompany)	\$844.4	\$915.0
EBITDA	71.5	80.4

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EBITDA Margin	8.5%	8.8%
EBITDA Growth		12.4%

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----- Genesis Health Ventures Cash Flow Summary -----

	Nine Months Ended 6/30/02
Cash flow from operations	\$174.3
Restructuring costs	(44.3)
Capital expenditures & other investing	(50.7)
Cash provided by financing activities	(8.0)
Net increase in cash	----- \$71.3 =====

Note: \$42MM cash applied to reduce terms for purchased goods reflected as
Financing Activity

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----- Genesis Health Ventures Capitalization -----

(\$ in millions)	6/30/02	%	Pro Forma	%
Total Senior Secured Debt	\$444.8	27.2	\$644.9	34.5
Second Priority Secured Notes	242.6	14.9	242.6	13.0
Total Debt	\$687.4	42.1	\$887.5	47.5
Total Equity	\$945.6	57.9	\$982.6	52.5
Total Capitalization	\$1,633.0	100.0%	\$1,870.1	100.0%

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Genesis Health Ventures Key Ratios

	LTM 6/30/02	Pro Forma
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Coverage Ratios:		
EBITDA / Interest	4.7 x	4.2 x
EBITDAR / (Interest + Rent)	3.2 x	3.2 x
 Leverage Ratios:		
Total debt / EBITDA	3.0 x	3.3 x
Net debt / EBITDA	2.6 x	3.1 x
Net debt / capitalization	38.1%	46.3%

*Note that Pro Forma is based on NCS' actual results through FYE 6/30/02
excluding restructuring costs of \$11.5mm

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