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Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. Accredits American HomePatient, Inc.

Raleigh, NC – The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) is pleased to announce that American HomePatient, Inc. has selected ACHC as its new accrediting body. Founded in 1983, American HomePatient is one of the nation's largest home health care providers with 245 centers in 33 states. Its product and service offerings include respiratory services, respiratory diagnostic equipment, infusion therapy, parenteral and enteral nutrition, and medical equipment for patients in their home. American HomePatient combines all the benefits of a large, national company with the advantages of a local, hometown presence and is dedicated to providing physicians and caregivers with easy access to equipment and services for their patients. Joseph Furlong, President and CEO of American HomePatient commented, "We are pleased to have partnered with an accrediting body whose focus is on the provision of home health services and the quality standards that apply specifically to that arena. We believe ACHC is well suited to ensure the continued high quality of the medical services we provide."

The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. is an independent, private, not-for-profit 501 C (3) corporation established in 1986. The core programs include, but are not limited to, home health, pharmacy based programs, home medical equipment and hospice. In 2003, ACHC answered the question, "who accredits the accreditor?" by becoming the first national healthcare accrediting body in the country to earn the international distinction of certification to ISO 9001:2000. A national survey conducted in 2005 by HomeCare magazine voted ACHC as the number one choice for accreditation by HME suppliers.

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