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Northeast Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Are Saving as Much as 10% Annually on Rx Drug Costs

Healthcare Rx Alliance Addresses Rising Prescription Drug Costs Through Aggregate Purchasing

New York, NY (March 17, 2008) Citing average annual savings of 5% to 10% or more on prescription drug costs, members of the Healthcare Rx Alliance continue to experience a welcome trend. The Alliance began several years ago when a number of healthcare organizations and hospitals in the Northeast formed a partnership to address rising prescription drug costs and obtain enhanced services with a “best-in-class” pharmacy benefit manager (PBM).

Member groups also benefit by having an objective third party negotiate better discounts and rebates as well as lower administrative fees. According to Glenn Courounis, Vice President, Human Resources, Lenox Hill Hospital, “With the Healthcare Rx Alliance, we are assured that we are obtaining lower drug prices, because the fees are guaranteed and independently audited as part of our contract terms.”

Focusing exclusively on healthcare organizations and hospitals, the Healthcare Rx Alliance was conceived by Cammack LaRhette Consulting, an employee benefits and human resources consulting firm that specializes in consulting for healthcare organizations. They are joined by Nexera, a wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary of the Greater New York Hospital Association.

While lower prescription drug costs are a key driver to joining the Alliance, there are a number of additional advantages to member organizations. “What makes this Healthcare Rx Alliance unique,” says Frank Lonardo, Practice Leader, Health & Welfare Services, “is that employers have complete control over how their pharmacy benefit plans are structured, managed and contracted down to the cost sharing provisions and clinical programs. This is not a one-size-fits-all plan arrangement.”

Member organizations enjoy dedicated account service, and their members gain access to best-in-class member services from the Alliance’s PBM, Medco Health Solutions, Inc. In addition, special arrangements are available to hospitals with in-house pharmacies. Member organizations also receive customized performance reporting, including peer analyses. At year-end, members also benefit from having an objective third party conduct financial audits to ensure contractual terms in such areas as discounts, rebates, and administrative fees are being met.

The Healthcare Rx Alliance is currently welcoming new members for 2009. Healthcare organizations or hospitals interested in joining or learning more about the Healthcare Rx Alliance should contact Frank Lonardo, Practice Leader, Health & Welfare Services at

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About Cammack LaRhette Consulting

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About Nexera, Inc.

Nexera Inc., a wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary of the Greater New York Hospital Association, is a national health care consulting firm that specializes in supply chain cost reduction, outsourcing, technology, and project management. Through a unique understanding of health care business, clinical operations, and technology, Nexera provides organizations with a new perspective on materials management, contract, strategic sourcing procurement, and materials management information systems.

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