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CompHealth Group Company Receives Certificate of Distinction

SALT LAKE CITY (January 20, 2005)—Utah-based CompHealth Group announced today that its travel nurse staffing division, RN Network, has been awarded the Gold Seal of Approval™ signifying its certification from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

An independent, not-for-profit organization, JCAHO is the nation's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in healthcare. Its new Health Care Staffing Services Certification Program certifies healthcare staffing firms that meet or exceed standards and performance measurement requirements for the industry.

JCAHO established the program to meet the need for national standards and an independent evaluation process identified by both staffing firms and healthcare organizations alike. The significant and on-going shortages of nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals have underscored this need.

“As a leader in the healthcare staffing industry, we understand the need for and fully support the development of a certification program,” said Michael Weinholtz, CompHealth Group's president and chief executive officer. “Because of our commitment to quality and continuous improvement, we agreed to be one of the first companies to undergo evaluation by JCAHO.”

JCAHO's certification program offers an independent, comprehensive evaluation of a staffing firm's abilities to provide competent staffing services. At the October 2004 launch of the program, more than 100 healthcare staffing firms had expressed their intent to apply for evaluation. RN Network is one of the first companies to pass JCAHO's stringent requirements and receive certification, along with the prestigious Gold Seal of Approval™.

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“We are thrilled to receive this certification,” said Donna Ramey, RN, BSN, MSN, director of nursing for RN Network, which operates out of Boca Raton, Florida. “This is a critical step in demonstrating our commitment to offering the highest level of quality and service to both our nurses and healthcare facilities. When a healthcare professional or organization is looking for a staffing company they can trust, this certification will aid them in that search.

“The process is rigorous and detailed,” Ramey continued. “The companies that are serious about upholding the highest standards will complete the process. This sends a strong message that the company meets or exceeds the highest possible standards validated by the Joint Commission. In a time when quality care is a growing concern, this shows our dedication to deliver on our promises of quality”

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Founded in 1979, CompHealth Group (CHG) is one of the nation’s largest healthcare staffing firms. The company provides a comprehensive service offering that includes temporary and permanent placement of physicians, allied health professionals, and nurses to hospitals and healthcare organizations in all 50 states through trusted names including CompHealth, Weatherby Locums, Destination Healthcare Staffing, and RN Network. For more information, visit us online at www.comphealthgroup.com.

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