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AmerisourceBergen National Healthcare Conference & Exposition Hosts over 7,000 Attendees; HDMA, NACDS, NCPA Leaders Participate in Community Pharmacy Leaders Forum at Expo

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 13, 2005--AmerisourceBergen is hosting a record turnout at its 4th Annual National Healthcare Conference & Exposition July 13-17 in Las Vegas, with over 7,000 pharmacists and other healthcare professionals participating in a wide variety of educational programs including Continuing Education (CE) courses and interacting with pharmaceutical manufacturers and other service providers. The Company is also unveiling a new direction for its Good Neighbor Pharmacy(R) network of independently owned and operated community pharmacies. In addition, the Company is sponsoring the Community Pharmacy Leader's Forum at its Expo featuring Craig Fuller, President and CEO of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores; John Gray, President and CEO of Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA); and Bruce Roberts, R.Ph., Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Community Pharmacists Association.

The Community Pharmacy Leader's Forum is a day-long event focused on helping community pharmacies thrive in today's environment. "AmerisourceBergen is thrilled to give our customers unparalleled access to our industry's leaders," said R. David Yost, Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen. "Our customers have asked for additional educational opportunities, and we have delivered both industry expertise and significantly increased our CE course offerings at this show." Registration for CE courses this year is almost twice as high as last year, with over 22,289 credit hours in 2005 versus 12,473 in 2004.

In addition to the educational programs, AmerisourceBergen has installed a 7,000 square foot replica of a Good Neighbor Pharmacy as the centerpiece exhibit to showcase the strength of the Good Neighbor Pharmacy brand and its base of over 2,000 stores nationwide. "Pharmacists are key healthcare providers in their communities and are uniquely accessible to patients," said David Neu, Senior Vice President, Retail Sales and Marketing. "Our goal is to enhance their role by helping them provide comprehensive patient services, including programs which improve patient adherence to prescribed medication regimens. Our relationship with Adheris through the Adherence Network will support this expanded offering with new compliance and persistency tools."

Adheris provides direct-to-patient education and reminder programs that educate patients about their condition and the role their medicine plays in improving their health.

About Good Neighbor Pharmacy

Good Neighbor Pharmacy(R) is a network of independently owned and operated community pharmacies, with more than 2,000 locations throughout the country. Good Neighbor Pharmacy is an AmerisourceBergen offering.

About AmerisourceBergen

AmerisourceBergen(R) (NYSE:ABC) is one of the largest pharmaceutical services companies in the United States. Servicing both pharmaceutical manufacturers and healthcare providers in the pharmaceutical supply channel, the Company provides drug distribution and related services designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes. AmerisourceBergen's service solutions range from pharmacy automation, bedside medication safety systems, and pharmaceutical packaging to pharmacy services for skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, reimbursement and pharmaceutical consulting services, and physician education. With more than \$48 billion in operating revenue, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs more than 14,000 people. AmerisourceBergen is ranked #23 on the Fortune 500 list. For more information, go to www.amerisourcebergen.com.

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