

Louisiana CEO Named “Entrepreneur of the Year”

Lafayette, Louisiana, June 26, 2003 – Keith G. Myers, chairman and CEO of LHC Group, LLC, received Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award at an awards ceremony taking place on June 26, 2003, in Houston, Texas. LHC Group provides home health care, hospice services and rehabilitation care to patients in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

In less than a decade, Myers built a small, rural home health agency with annual revenues of \$500,000 into a diversified, premier regional health care company. LHC Group, with more than 2,300 employees, has current annual revenues in excess of \$70 million.

Myers attributes the success to the company's talented staff of clinically driven professionals who are able to make decisions based on patient care needs and not financial restrictions. “No company can achieve our level of growth and superlative excellence without a staff of truly exceptional and dedicated professionals,” commented Myers. Also contributing to the company's success is a unique cost management system, which Myers developed and implemented, that is patent pending in the United States and international markets.

Mr. Myers has been granted Certified Home/Hospice Care Executive status by the National Association for Home Care, which places him among a small group who were first to receive this recognition. In recent years, Mr. Myers has also received such honors as being named Business Executive of the Year by the Louisiana Rural Health Association as well being named one of the National Home Health Top 100 Executives in 2002. He has participated in the preparation of numerous “white papers” and presentations to members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in Washington D.C. specifically related to health care reimbursement methodologies and the correlation between various reimbursement methods and the resulting level of clinical outcomes and quality of service received by beneficiaries.

Prior to entering the healthcare industry he served as president of a regional seafood company based in Louisiana that he founded in 1980. The company grew from a small operation into a recognized industry leader in international food processing, procurement, and distribution, with operations and multiple production sites in the U.S., Latin America and Asia.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award is presented to the most successful and entrepreneurial business leaders across the world. Now in its 17th year, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award is designed to honor outstanding entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Mr. Myers is now eligible to participate in Ernst & Young's National Entrepreneur of the Year awards program, which culminates in an awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 20, 2003. Previous National Entrepreneur of the Year award winners have included Michael Dell of Dell Computer Corporation, Jim McCann of 1-800-Flowers.com and Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee. All award winners become lifetime members of the Entrepreneur of the Year Hall of Fame, which is part of the Entrepreneur of the Year Academy.

For more information on the LHC Group, please visit www.lhcg.com.