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Acucare Health Strategies, Inc. and Willow Financial Services, LLC Announce Alliance for Financial Consulting for the Home Health Care Industry

Reston, VA, September 20, 2005— Acucare Health Strategies and Willow Financial Services, LLC have formally announced an alliance to offer Financial Planning and Consulting Services to the home healthcare industry with a strong emphasis on Rapid Revenue Cycle Management and tax-deductible compensation plans for business owners.

The alliance is designed for home healthcare companies that are looking to operate efficiently, produce viable financial results, and to offer benefits with the deductibility and the advantages of the current tax laws. The two firms will combine services to offer:

- Retirement planning, including pension plans, profit sharing & 401(k)
- Life and group health insurance
- Flexible spending accounts
- 419(a) benefit trust plans
- Fully insured 412(i) plans
- Owner benefit plans
- Specially designed cost-saving health insurance plans
- Rapid Revenue Cycle Management
- Outsourced billing services and PPS review
- Operational assessment and process redesign
- Compliance plans implementation, review, and validation
- Acquisition due diligence & integration strategies

Willow Financial Services, LLC and Acucare Health Strategies, Inc. indicated that they will be combining other home healthcare services in the future to help secure their leadership position in the industry.

“Working with Acucare completes our link for services that we provide to our home healthcare clients throughout the country. Acucare’s management, billing, and consulting services and Medicare recovery programs are a significant benefit as part of the Willow approach to serving clients,” said Richard Onorato, President of Willow Financial Services, LLC.

“Many home care companies have trouble with recruitment, retention, and getting comfortable with the risk involved in offering and taking advantage of tax deductible benefits. Acucare and Willow Financial with their expertise in limiting Medicare liabilities, enhancing revenues, and increasing profitability coupled with financial planning will now allow us to offer a comprehensive service to the home health care industry that has not previously been available. Willow Financial impressed us with their ability to creatively manage complex plans and handle financial planning transactions. This level of service is no longer reserved for large companies outside the home healthcare industry. Owners, shareholders, and professionals now have one number to call when it comes to any issue they face on a day to day basis. We are here to support them with efficiency, continuity, and deliver results. This further secures Acucare’s position as a Center of Excellence for home health companies.” says Peter Chaalan, President and CEO of Acucare Health Strategies, Inc. and Acucare Group.

Acucare Health Strategies, Inc., Based in Reston, VA, is a leading national healthcare consulting firm and a Center of Excellence for Home Health and Hospice that provides clients with solutions and strategies that ensure superb patient care, regulatory and clinical compliance, and profitability, giving clients a distinct competitive advantage.

Acucare Health Strategies, Inc. was established to respond to the critical needs of the home health industry to reengineer processes that provide clients with strategic direction in planning and implementing innovative business and clinical solutions. Acucare Health Strategies’ approach is to focus on understanding clients’ needs first and then matching solutions to meet those needs. Acucare Health Strategies delivers results through vision, leadership, efficiency and compliance while it equips clients to be market leaders in the rapidly changing and highly competitive healthcare industry.

Willow Financial Services, LLC, a nationally known benefit consulting firm offers custom-designed and traditional retirement plans including full administration. The firm specializes in owner and key employee tax-deductible wealth accumulation programs. In addition, Willow offers estate and financial planning. Willow Financial has been serving the home healthcare industry since 1988.

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