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Vantage® broadens Purchasing Power through the Development of *Great Lakes Purchasing Collaborative*

Vantage Health Group, a shareholder in Premier Purchasing Partners, has joined forces with two leading healthcare providers in upstate NY. Vantage®, together with Seagate Alliance LLC and Rochester General Health Systems, has agreed to aggregate volumes under the newly formed *Great Lakes Purchasing Collaborative*.

“This partnership enables the Vantage® hospitals to access some of the best pricing available in the country. We are very excited about the savings opportunities we will be able to bring to our owners. The collective purchasing power of Vantage®, Seagate Alliance LLC and Rochester General Health Systems brings over \$360 million in annual purchases under one effort,” according to Dean Werner, Vice President of Materials Management, Vantage Healthcare Network®

Premier Inc. helps hospitals accelerate performance on both clinical outcomes and supply chain costs. Premier is a healthcare alliance entirely owned by more than 200 of the nation’s leading not-for-profit hospitals and healthcare systems. These organizations operate or are affiliated with nearly 1,500 hospitals and more than 38,500 other healthcare sites. Premier provides an array of services supporting health services delivery including group purchasing, totaling more than \$25 billion annually in supplies and equipment purchasing.

Simply put, the newly formed Great Lakes Purchasing Collaborative will collectively benefit all affiliated organizations that currently utilize group purchasing through Seagate Alliance LLC, Rochester General Health Systems and Vantage®. Vantage® continues to dedicate unwavering focus on efficiencies, innovation through new technology, shared services and excellent customer service and this collaboration is an apparent value add. Cost savings is paramount in the core values on which Vantage® was founded and continues to be based, not only for owner hospitals, but for the tens of thousands of customers serviced.

Vantage® has several new developments which include, Cutting-edge GreenLight™ Laser Therapy added to Vantage Mobile Services. GreenLight is a minimally invasive, outpatient treatment option for men with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) which affects half of all men over the age of sixty. Talyst, InsiteRx is also new to the Vantage family of companies. InsiteRx is the first automated medication dispensing system designed specifically for long-term care facilities enabling patient-specific medication dispensing right at the facility. InsiteRx reduces medication waste and saves valuable time. For more information about Vantage Healthcare Network please visit: www.VHCN.com.

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