

HealthSouth Announces Conference Call to Discuss the Potential Impact of the President's Deficit Reduction Proposals on Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 20, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- HealthSouth Corporation (NYSE: HLS) will host a conference call at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, to discuss management's preliminary assessment of the potential impact of President Obama's inpatient rehabilitation-related proposals in his Plan for Economic Growth and Deficit Reduction.

"Although the probability that any of the President's recommendations will be included in the Joint Committee's final work product is difficult to predict, we believe it is important to share our preliminary thoughts with our investors," said Jay Grinney, HealthSouth President and Chief Executive Officer. "Specifically, we will discuss the potential impact of increasing the compliance threshold to 75% from the 60% in place today. Currently, 39 of our 97 hospitals operate at, or above, the 75% threshold with another 23 hospitals operating between 70% and 75%."

HealthSouth management participating in the call will include: Mr. Grinney; Doug Coltharp, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and, Mark Tarr, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The conference call may be accessed by dialing (877) 587-6761 and giving the pass code 11879279. International callers should dial (706) 679-1635 and give the same pass code. Please call approximately 10 minutes before the start of the call to ensure you are connected. The conference call will also be webcast live and will be available along with any supplemental information at <http://investor.healthsouth.com/> by clicking on an available link.

About HealthSouth

HealthSouth is the nation's largest owner and operator of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals in terms of revenues, number of hospitals, and patients treated and discharged. Operating in 26 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, HealthSouth serves patients through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation satellite clinics, and home health agencies. HealthSouth's hospitals provide a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from conditions such as stroke and other neurological disorders, orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions, brain and spinal cord injuries, and amputations. HealthSouth can be found on the Web at www.healthsouth.com.

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including HealthSouth's Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and its Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2011 and March 31, 2011.

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