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Press Release

JCAHO Standards now part of HealthFlash™

Alpharetta, Georgia, April 7, 2000 - Emerging Solutions, Inc. announced today that it has signed a contract with The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations® that allows Emerging Solutions to sell and incorporate the standards, intent statements and scoring guidelines as part of HealthFlash™. "This is a major improvement for us" says Brian Moore, Chief Operating Officer for Emerging Solutions. "We are now able to turn the standards on immediately when an organization implements HealthFlash. Electronic access to the standards can also be purchased via HealthFlash, not just through the Joint Commission®."

This is another step in helping organizations be prepared on a continuous basis. "Now organizations with the HealthFlash solution will automatically have the latest quarterly updates from the Joint Commission® available to them within the accreditation manager module of the application. This will eliminate the need to distribute standard changes and facilitate communication regarding changes in the JCAHO standards throughout the enterprise," says Amy Black, Program Strategist with Emerging Solutions.

About Emerging Solutions

HealthFlash™ is Emerging Solutions' project information manager for healthcare. Over 200 companies currently rely on Emerging Solutions to expand communication, increase accountability and provide real-time access to project information.

HealthFlash is an application that can help manage both the business and accreditation side of healthcare. HealthFlash is available through the Internet. Clients only need a web-browser and an Internet connection to take advantage of this Internet-based project and document management tool. With HealthFlash Executive, managers can track progress on key strategies, review project summary information, access key indicators reports and receive accreditation compliance updates. HealthFlash Flagship promotes team collaboration and accountability by creating, tracking and logging all information related to projects, indicators, tasks, meetings and documents. In addition, the built-in accreditation manager allows the organization to assess their standard compliance, develop and track action plans to address deficiencies and build a virtual document room.

About Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations®

The mission of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations® is to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission® evaluates and accredits more than 19,500 health care organizations in the United States, including hospitals, health care networks, managed care organizations, and health care organizations that provide home care, long term care, behavioral health care, laboratory, and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission® is an independent, not-for-profit organization, and the world's leading health care standards setting and accrediting body.