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## **MMS Awarded Novation Medical/Surgical Distribution Services Agreement**

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—June 1, 2006—MMS, one of the largest independent healthcare distributors, was recently awarded a five year national agreement to offer medical/surgical supplies to acute care members of Novation, one of the nation's largest health care Group Purchasing Organizations. This award also includes MMS' newly acquired Caligor Hospital Division.

"The contract strengthens MMS' position as a leading provider of medical/surgical products and furthers MMS' goal of partnering with all of the leading GPO's," said Tom Harris, MMS Executive Vice President.

The agreement, effective September 1, 2006, will give members additional choices in distribution partners. "The Novation contract is a great opportunity for MMS and Novation members," said Rich Hawkins, MMS Vice President of Acute Care. "This new contract opens up new avenues of business for MMS, while allowing MMS to provide competitive pricing and quality programs to Novation members."

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## About MMS

Founded in 1970, MMS, formerly Midwest Medical Supply, is one of the largest independent regional healthcare distributors. The company serves all of the specialized and diverse needs of the medical community with divisions dedicated to nursing homes, hospitals, physician practices, government facilities, specialty products, home care, hospice, pharmaceuticals and industrial business. MMS is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri and has a national presence with distribution facilities in Phoenix, AZ; Hartford, CT; Plant City, FL; Tamuning, GU; Broadview, IL; Carmel, IN; Wichita, KS; Baton Rouge, LA; Secaucus, NJ; Pelham Manor, NY; Houston, TX; and Salt Lake City, UT. For more information visit: [www.mmsmedical.com](http://www.mmsmedical.com).

## About Novation

Novation was established Jan. 1, 1998, when VHA Inc. and the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC), two national health care alliances, consolidated their supply-contracting functions. Based in Irving, Texas, Novation acts as the contracting services company for members, associates and affiliates of both alliances, to help them manage and reduce supply costs. Novation offers an extensive range of contracting services including: contract development, contract and supplier management, custom contracting, enhanced savings programs, online contract management and analytical tools, order management and online supplier connectivity. Novation serves health care organizations of all sizes, ranging from many of the nation's best-known and most prestigious health care systems to small, rural hospitals throughout the country. For more information visit: <http://www.novationco.com>.

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