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## **Premier Awards MMS New Medical/Surgical Distribution Services Agreement**

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—July 1, 2005— MMS, one of the largest independent healthcare distributors, recently was awarded a new three-year national agreement to offer medical/surgical supplies to members of Premier Purchasing Partners, LP., one of the nation's largest health care Group Purchasing Organizations.

The contract, effective July 1, 2005, strengthens MMS's position as a leading provider of medical/surgical products. The agreement will provide medical/surgical supplies at a great savings to Premier's group purchasing membership of nearly 1,500 hospitals and surgery centers nationwide.

“MMS is very excited about our new relationship with Premier. As a new Premier supplier for Acute Care and Surgery Centers, the customer will have more options. As a regional distributor with a national presence, MMS offers more choices, flexibility and value to our customers,” said Rich Hawkins, Vice President of Acute Care, MMS.

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*A Regional Distributor with a National Presence*

## About MMS

Founded in 1970, MMS, formerly Midwest Medical Supply, is one of the largest independent regional healthcare distributors with a national presence. 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, pharmaceuticals and industrial business. The company is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri with distribution facilities in Phoenix, AZ; Hartford, CT; Tamuning, GU; Broadview, IL; Carmel, IN; Wichita, KS; Baton Rouge, LA; Houston, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; and Waukesha, WI. For more information visit: [www.mmsmedical.com](http://www.mmsmedical.com).

## About Premier

Premier, Inc., a strategic alliance in U.S. healthcare, is owned by more than 200 of the nation's leading hospital and healthcare systems. These systems operate, or are affiliated with nearly 1,500 hospital facilities and hundreds of health care sites. Premier provides an array of resources in support of healthcare services, including group purchasing, with more than \$17 billion in annual sales of supplies and equipment. Other resources offered by Premier include chain and clinical performance improvement services and various insurance programs. Headquartered in San Diego, CA, Premier has major facilities in Chicago, IL; Charlotte, NC; and Washington, DC.

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