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Premier Extends Partnership with SterilMed

Maple Grove, Minnesota, February 29, 2008 – Premier Inc., the largest healthcare alliance in the United States, has renewed its reprocessing agreement with SterilMed, Inc., a leading third-party reprocessor of single-use medical devices (SUDs), for its facilities nationwide. SterilMed's experience has determined that a typical 200-bed hospital could save more than \$650,000 and eliminate nearly 20,000 pounds of medical waste under the three-year contract extension.

"We are excited about the opportunity to continue to provide Premier and its members with unique and superior reprocessing services," said Brian Sullivan, SterilMed CEO/President. "We help our customers save money by reducing their expenditures for single-use medical devices. These savings can be redirected to other important investments such as indigent care and new life-saving technologies."

SterilMed uses proprietary cleaning, testing and sterilization processes to convert single-use medical devices into reusable devices so hospitals can reduce device purchasing costs up to 50 percent. State-of-the-art reprocessing technologies enable SterilMed to supply over 8,000 different single-use devices in all OR departments as well as for the GI and EP/Cath labs. SterilMed is ISO 13485 certified and compliant with the FDA's Quality System Requirements.

About Premier Inc., 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient

Serving 1,700 hospitals and more than 49,000 other healthcare sites, Premier is the largest healthcare alliance in the United States dedicated to improving patient outcomes while safely reducing the cost of care. Owned by not-for-profit hospitals, Premier operates one of the nation's largest healthcare purchasing networks and the most comprehensive repository of hospital clinical and financial information. Premier Insurance Management Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, operates one of the largest policy-holder owned, hospital professional liability risk-retention groups in healthcare. Headquartered in San Diego, Premier has offices in Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia, and Washington.

For more information about Premier, visit www.premierinc.com.

About SterilMed

SterilMed® offers services designed to help health care providers lower their medical device and equipment costs by maximizing the life of "single-use" medical devices, surgical instruments, power tools, endoscopes and video equipment. This allows healthcare facilities to free up critical financial resources through better device and equipment utilization while maintaining the highest levels of patient safety. SterilMed offers a uniquely integrated approach to medical device reprocessing that ensures the most streamlined logistics and the most rigorous quality approach enabling hospitals and medical facilities to reduce device cost and to decrease medical waste.

SterilMed saves healthcare providers over \$60 million and diverts more than 600 tons of medical waste from landfills each year.

For further information about SterilMed call 888-541-0078 or connect to www.sterilmed.com.