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### PR&S ACHIEVES JOINT COMMISSION CERTIFICATION

**Latrobe, PA (August 13, 2008)** – PR&S Pharmacy Services has achieved the Gold Seal of Approval™ from the Joint Commission and is now designated as certified in Health Care Staffing Services. The Joint Commission’s certification program, launched in October 2004, offers an independent, comprehensive evaluation of a staffing firm's abilities to provide competent staffing services. This certification process occurred via an onsite review of PR&S’ compliance with national standards, which addresses how staffing firms determine the qualifications and competency of their staff, how they place their staff and how they monitor staff’s performance.

“Health care organizations that contract with PR&S Pharmacy Services can look to this certification as an assurance that PR&S demonstrates a commitment to providing, and continuously improving, quality services,” says Michele Sacco, M.S., Executive Director, Health Care Staffing Services Certification, Joint Commission.

“Certification recognizes PR&S’ dedication to providing Pharmacists that are qualified to provide safe, high-quality care to patients. We’re proud to receive the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™,” says PR&S Co-founders, Harry A. Lattanzio, R.Ph. and Lisa M. Pieringer, R.Ph.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks 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 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about the Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

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