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The Ensign Group Acquires Hospice Operation in Wright County, Iowa

MISSION VIEJO, Calif., May 09, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Ensign Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:ENSG), the parent company of the Ensign™ group of skilled nursing, rehabilitative care services, home health care, hospice care, assisted living and urgent care companies, announced today that Cornerstone Healthcare, Inc., Ensign's home health and hospice portfolio subsidiary, acquired the assets of Hospice for Wright County on May 1, 2016.

"We are very pleased to announce this addition to our hospice operations," said Christopher Christensen, Ensign's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We have served residents of Wright County for many years at Clarion Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, and are pleased to expand the continuum of care we offer to residents in this community and the State of Iowa."

"Hospice for Wright County brings to our organization a legacy of exceptional care and service to the community," said Cornerstone's President Daniel Walker. "We are grateful," Walker continued, "that Wright County leaders have entrusted us to continue that legacy and provide hospice services that will positively impact the lives of county residents."

The hospice will be owned and operated by Heartland Healthcare, Inc., a Cornerstone subsidiary, and do business in Wright County under the name Gateway Hospice.

Upon closing this transaction, Ensign's growing portfolio will consist of 204 healthcare facilities, 34 of which are owned, sixteen hospice agencies, fifteen home health agencies, three home care businesses and seventeen urgent care clinics across 14 states.

About Ensign™:

The Ensign Group, Inc.'s independent operating subsidiaries provide a broad spectrum of skilled nursing and assisted living services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, home health and hospice services, urgent care services and other rehabilitative and healthcare services at 204 operations, sixteen hospice agencies, sixteen home health agencies, three home care businesses and seventeen urgent care clinics in California, Arizona, Texas, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon, Wisconsin, Kansas and South Carolina. More information about Ensign is available at <http://www.ensigngroup.net>.

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