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**PHARMEDIUM ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ROLLOUT OF ELECTRONIC 222 ORDERING INITIATIVE**

**HUNDREDS OF CUSTOMER HOSPITALS USING ELECTRONIC 222 TO ORDER CLASS II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

SEATTLE, WA (June 9, 2008) – PharMEDium Services, LLC, the leading provider of outsourced hospital pharmacy I.V. compounded solutions, has expanded its first-in-the industry electronic 222 (e-222) ordering initiative, which enables virtually real-time ordering of Schedule II Controlled Substances versus the more time-consuming traditional process, to all hospitals nationwide.

The company announced the initiative at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Summer Meeting and exhibition here.

Hundreds of customers are now ordering pain management medications through PharMEDium's e-222 system, which applies to the entire line of its pain management services. "Our expansion of e-222 represents an ongoing commitment to patient safety, quality, and superior customer service. The early and fast adoption by our customers represents their partnership with us in helping make e-222 a standard practice across our industry," said David Jonas, PharMEDium's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

PharMEDium's new controlled substance ordering system aligns with the efforts of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and drug industry leaders to take advantage of e-commerce tools to improve efficiency and effectiveness associated with controlled substances ordering. DEA requires a Form 222 for all orders of Schedule II Controlled Substances, which until recently could only be processed through paper forms. E-222 ordering takes about 20 seconds, versus about 20 minutes for paper orders, according to DEA's Office of Diversion Control (ODC). **In addition, the elimination of the paper Form 222 reduces the time it takes to receive an order by one to two days.** Hospitals interested in e-222 must obtain a digital certificate from the DEA to participate, which typically takes 30 days from application to approval.

E-222 ordering has significant benefits, said Susan Groth, Pharmacy Buyer at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN. "This initiative makes the ordering process faster and easier, in addition to reducing errors and rework," Groth added.

"E-222 is one element of PharMEDium's online customer service offering available on the company's website," Jonas said. "In addition to online ordering, PharMEDium's customers can obtain order status information, track shipments, and review invoice history at [pharmedium.com](http://pharmedium.com). These value-added features were developed based on extensive customer feedback and provide a multitude of time- and resource-saving benefits. PharMEDium is committed to deploying new and innovative online functionality to provide our customers with world-class customer service." Jonas added.

**About PharMEDium Services, LLC**

For more than 15 years, PharMEDium has been the leading provider of outsourced compounding services. In that time, PharMEDium has grown into a nationwide network of state licensed and federally registered compounding centers providing trusted solutions to more than 1,800 hospitals throughout the United States. Managed by licensed pharmacists and staffed by certified technicians, the company complies with all applicable state laws and FDA regulations, including USP Chapter <797> and DEA requirements.