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## **NHC OPENS NEW ASSISTED LIVING CENTER IN GREENVILLE, SC**

Murfreesboro, Tenn. – National HealthCare Corporation (NYSE-Amex: NHC; NHC.PRA), one of the nation’s leading operators of senior care services, announced today that it has recently opened The Palmettos of Mauldin, a 45 unit assisted living community at 810 E. Butler Road in Mauldin, South Carolina near Greenville.

“The new assisted living center sits adjacent to NHC Mauldin, a 180 bed skilled care facility, and expands NHC’s residential care in South Carolina to over 2,100 beds in 15 locations, along with 4 homecare offices and 7 hospice locations,” according to NHC President Steve Flatt.

“The Palmetto’s location alongside the therapy and rehabilitation programs of NHC Mauldin will allow residents the freedom to remain in their apartments while receiving temporary care next door”, Flatt said. “This is also a strategic location because it can serve the Fountain Inn, Simpsonville and Greenville, South Carolina markets.”

Kathryn Davis will serve as the director of the project. She has worked for NHC since 2004.

The Palmettos will have 27 apartments in the assisted living wing and another 18 in the memory care wing. It has a bistro, community and private dining rooms, a salon, personal laundry areas, activity areas, a parlor, courtyards, and even a putting green.

NHC affiliates operate for themselves and third parties 77 long-term health care centers with 9,892 beds. NHC affiliates also operate 33 homecare programs, seven independent living centers and 16 assisted living communities. NHC’s other services include Alzheimer’s units, long-term care pharmacies, hospice, a rehabilitation services company, and providing management and accounting services to third parties. Other information about the company can be found on our web site at [www.NHCcare.com](http://www.NHCcare.com).

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