



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

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NHC Announces Renewal of \$75 Million Credit Line

Murfreesboro, Tennessee - National HealthCare Corporation (NYSE Amex: NHC, NHC.PRA), one of the nation's leading operators of long-term health care and assisted living facilities, announced today that it has renewed its one year \$75 million line of credit with Bank of America.

Robert Adams, CEO, stated: "With the renewal of our credit arrangement with Bank of America, we continue to have access to ample financial resources to develop growth opportunities across all areas of senior care."

About NHC

NHC affiliates operate for themselves and third parties 76 long-term health care centers with 9,548 beds. NHC affiliates also operate 36 homecare programs, six 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.

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