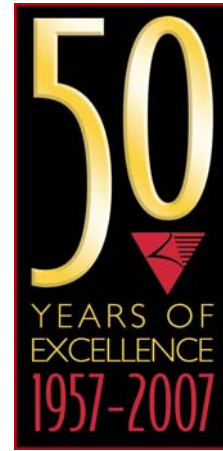


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CALIFORNIA PHARMACY TURNS OVER

MEDICAL SUPPLY CUSTOMERS TO SHIELD HEALTHCARE

(SANTA CLARITA, CA) – January 31, 2007 -- The declining reimbursement climate in California continues to affect the local pharmacy providers. Higher product costs from the manufacturers, increasing overhead expenses, and the slide of reimbursement dollars has put the squeeze on margins to the point where providers are looking to exit the business. Sierra Home Medical located in the California central valley, announced today they have turned over their incontinent supply customer base to Shield Healthcare. Cheryl Hornberger, Vice President of Sales, says “our sales representatives are being approached every month from providers looking to sell or exit the business in California.” Over the last 18 months Shield Healthcare has leveraged their purchasing power to weather the bombardment of cuts by Medi-Cal and remain profitable in this adverse California environment.

Founded in 1957, Shield Healthcare celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and has grown from a local pharmacy into one of the largest disposable medical supply companies in the United States with six sales offices and three distribution facilities nationwide. Shield Healthcare’s mission for the past 50 years is to offer “Better Solutions for Independent Living.” More information on Shield Healthcare may be obtained at www.shieldhealthcare.com.

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