

HealthSouth to Provide Medical Coverage to New England Pro Sports Teams

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HealthSouth Corporation has become the official sports medicine provider for the National Football League's New England Patriots and the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer.

The comprehensive agreement includes all aspects of the athletes' health and fitness in an effort to maximize the performance of the teams while minimizing lost playing time. HealthSouth, the nation's largest provider of sports medicine and the only healthcare company with locations in all 50 states, provides medical coverage to more than 50 professional sports teams, 125 colleges and universities and 1,000 high schools throughout the United States.

"We are very pleased to join medical forces with HealthSouth," said Jonathan A. Kraft, vice chairman of the Patriots and Foxboro Stadium and investor-operator of the Revolution. "They have a proven track record in the field of sports medicine, and we look forward to working with them in order to provide first-rate medical care for our players."

HealthSouth will provide athletic training, physical therapy and diagnostic imaging services such as X-rays and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to athletes from both sports organizations. A host of other medical services ranging from nutrition counseling to general medicine will also be either provided or coordinated by HealthSouth.

"HealthSouth is excited about working with two of the premier organizations in professional sports," said Richard M. Scrushy, HealthSouth chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "Through our national network, we will provide these athletes unsurpassed medical care that will allow them to fulfill their great potential on the field."

As part of the agreement, HealthSouth will participate in promotions and receive advertising in Foxboro Stadium, home to the Patriots and the Revolution. Foxboro Stadium is one of the nation's top soccer venues, hosting professional and World Cup matches, in addition to many other sporting events and concerts.

HealthSouth will also become the preferred provider of occupational health to the Kraft Group, which includes Rand-Whitney Corporation and International Forest Products Corporation.

In addition to its various team and school affiliations, HealthSouth serves as the official healthcare provider for the three major golf tours -- the PGA Tour, Senior PGA Tour and LPGA Tour. The Birmingham, Ala.-based company also provides exclusive medical support to the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and the Professional Bullriders Association.

HealthSouth is the nation's largest provider of ambulatory surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative healthcare services, with more than 2,000 facilities in all 50 states, the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Australia and Canada.

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