HEALTHSOUTH Reports Third Quarter Earnings Per Share of \$.20

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HEALTHSOUTH Corporation announced operating results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2001. For the quarter, HEALTHSOUTH's revenues were \$1.076 billion, an increase of 1.5% as compared to \$1.060 billion for the third quarter of 2000. Adjusting in both periods for the effect of the 2001 sale of the company's occupational medicine operations and its Richmond, Virginia, medical center, revenues for the 2001 quarter increased 5.2% over revenues for the 2000 quarter. Net income for the 2001 quarter was \$79.1 million, an increase of 11% compared to net income of \$71.0 million in the 2000 quarter. Earnings per share (assuming dilution) were \$.20 for the 2001 quarter, consistent with consensus Wall Street estimates and representing an increase of 11% as compared to earnings per share (assuming dilution) of \$.18 in the 2000 quarter. For the quarter, the company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) margin was 27.7%, compared to 27.0% in the third quarter of 2000.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2001, HEALTHSOUTH's revenues were \$3.265 billion, compared to \$3.118 billion for the same period in 2000. Income before unusual and non-recurring items for the 2001 period (all of which were incurred in the second quarter of 2001) was \$237.5 million, compared to net income of \$201.6 million for the 2000 period. The comparable income per share (assuming dilution) for the 2001 period was \$.60, a 15% increase compared to earnings per share (assuming dilution) of \$.52 for the 2000 period.

"We are very pleased that we again met Wall Street's earnings expectations as we continued implementing our strategic plan," said Richard M. Scrushy, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of HEALTHSOUTH. "We saw same-store growth across all of our ambulatory services lines of business, as well as continued favorable pricing trends. In addition, despite the disruption in the capital markets, we successfully completed a private placement of \$600 million in five-year and ten-year senior notes in September. We also strengthened our management team with the promotion of Bill Owens to President and Chief Operating Officer and the consolidation of all of our ambulatory services into a single division, along with the other management changes we announced in August. We believe that these changes further strengthen our experienced management team and position us well as we move forward with our focus on providing exceptional service to the physicians, patients and payors that we serve."

HEALTHSOUTH is the nation's largest provider of outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative healthcare services, with over 1,900 locations in all 50 states, the United Kingdom, Australia, Puerto Rico and Canada. HEALTHSOUTH can be found on the Web at http://www.healthsouth.com/.

HEALTHSOUTH will hold a conference call to discuss its third quarter results at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on Thursday, October 25. Simultaneously with the conference call, a "webcast" of the call will be available to interested parties at http://www.healthsouth.com/ via an Internet link under the "Investor Relations" section and at http://www.prnewswire.com/ via an Internet link under the "Multimedia" section. A replay of the call will be available at the same Internet site addresses until 5:00 p.m. Central Time on November 9, 2001.

Statements contained in this press release which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Without limiting the generality of the preceding statement, all statements in this press release concerning or relating to estimated and projected earnings, margins, costs, expenditures, cash flows, growth rates and financial results are forward-looking statements. In addition, HEALTHSOUTH, through its senior management, may from time to time make forward-looking public statements concerning the matters described herein. Such forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of HEALTHSOUTH's senior management based upon current information, involve a number of risks and uncertainties and are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. HEALTHSOUTH's actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those identified in this press release and in the public filings made by HEALTHSOUTH with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including HEALTHSOUTH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and forward-looking statements contained in this press release or in other public statements of HEALTHSOUTH or its senior management should be considered in light of those factors. There can be no assurance that such factors or other factors will not affect the accuracy of such forward-looking statements.

HEALTHSOUTH
Summary Operating Results
(unaudited; in thousands, except per share data)

September 30, September 30, 2001 2000 2001 2000

Revenues \$1,075,874 \$1,060,457 \$3,265,324 \$3,118,115

Net income \$79,126 \$71,037 \$134,489 \$201,579

Weighted average

common shares

outstanding 390,455 385,615 389,135 385,960

Weighted average common shares outstanding -

assuming dilution 401,074 390,033 399,077 391,382

Net income per

common share \$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.35 \$0.52

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ADJUSTMENT TO EXCLUDE

UNUSUAL AND NON-RECURRING ITEMS IN 2001

Net income \$79,126 \$71,037 \$134,489 \$201,579

Unusual and

non-recurring items,

net of minority

interests --- 164,906 ---

Income tax benefit

of unusual and

non-recurring items --- (61,880) ---

Income excluding effects of unusual

and non-recurring

items \$79,126 \$71,037 \$237,515 \$201,579

Weighted average common shares

common shares

outstanding -

assuming dilution 401,074 390,033 399,077 391,382

Income per common share excluding effects of unusual

and non-recurring items - assuming

dilution \$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.60 \$0.52

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(UNAUDITED - In thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2001 2000

Revenues \$1,075,874 \$1,060,457 \$3,265,324 \$3,118,115

Operating unit expenses 714,750 711,872 2,173,500 2,106,326

Corporate general and

administrative expenses 38,958 37,403 122,827 107,130

Provision for doubtful

accounts 23,980 24,971 83,221 72,482

Depreciation and

95,790 amortization 89,160 280,231 269,100

Impairment of unamortized

loan fee costs 6,475 Loss on sale of assets 139.883

50,914 60,261 165,580 161,880 Interest expense Interest income (1,430)(2,398)(5,742)(7,334)

922,962 921,269 2,965,975 2,709,584

Income before net loss on sales of facilities and long-term investments, income taxes and minority

152,912 139,188 interests 299,349 408,531

Net loss on sales of facilities and

long-term investments

Provision for income

taxes 51.659 46.380 93.193 131.609

Income before minority

interests 101,253 92,808 206,156 276,922 Minority interests (22,127) (21,771) (71,667) (75,343)

Net income \$79,126 \$71,037 \$134,489 \$201,579

Weighted average common

shares outstanding 390,455 385,615 389,135 385,960

Net income (loss) per

\$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.35 \$0.52 common share

Weighted average common

shares

outstanding -- assuming

dilution 401,074 390,033 399,077 391,382

Net income (loss) per common share --

\$0.18 assuming dilution \$0.20 \$0.34 \$0.52

Net income \$79,126 \$71,037 \$134,489 \$201,579

Add back non-recurring items (net of taxes):

Non - recurring items 164.906 Tax benefit (61,880)

\$71,037 \$237,515 \$201,579 Adjusted net income \$79,126

Weighted average common

shares outstanding 390,455 385,615 385,960 389,135

Weighted average common

shares

outstanding -- assuming

dilution 401,074 390,033 399,077 391,382

Net income per common

\$0.61 \$0.52 share \$0.20 \$0.18

Net income per common

share - assuming

dilution \$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.60 \$0.52

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income Before Unusual and Non-Recurring Items (UNAUDITED - In thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended
September 30,
2001 2000 2001 2000

Nine Months Ended
September 30,
2001 2000

Revenues \$1,075,874 \$1,060,457 \$3,265,324 \$3,118,115

Operating unit

expenses 714,750 711,872 2,173,500 2,106,326

Corporate general and

administrative

expenses 38,958 37,403 114,579 107,130

Provision for doubtful

accounts 23,980 24,971 72,921 72,482

Depreciation and

 amortization
 95,790
 89,160
 280,231
 269,100

 Interest expense
 50,914
 60,261
 165,580
 161,880

 Interest income
 (1,430)
 (2,398)
 (5,742)
 (7,334)

922,962 921,269 2,801,069 2,709,584 Income before income

taxes and minority

interests 152,912 139,188 464,255 408,531

Provision for income

taxes 51,659 46,380 155,073 131,609

Income before minority

interests 101,253 92,808 309,182 276,922 Minority interests (22,127) (21,771) (71,667) (75,343) Net income \$79,126 \$71,037 \$237,515 \$201,579

Weighted average common shares

outstanding 390,455 385,615 389,135 385,960

Net income per common

share \$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.61 \$0.52

Weighted average common shares outstanding - assuming

dilution 401,074 390,033 399,077 391,382

Net income per common

share - assuming

dilution \$0.20 \$0.18 \$0.60 \$0.52

Add-back to income for diluted earnings per

share: Interest and amortization on

convertible debt --- --- --- ---

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED - In thousands, except per share amounts)

> Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 2001 Less Before

Unusual and Unusual and Nine Months Non- Non-Ended Recurring Recurring Sept. 30, 2001 Items Items

Revenues \$3,265,324 \$3,265,324 Operating unit expenses 2,173,500 2,173,500 Corporate general and

^{*} The effect of these securities was antidilutive.

administrative

expenses 122,827 8,248 (a) 114,579

Provision for doubtful accounts 83,221 10,300 (c) 72,921

Depreciation and amortization 280,231 280,231

Impairment of unamortized loan fee

 costs
 6,475
 6,475 (b)

 Loss on sale of assets
 139,883
 139,883 (c)

 Interest expense
 165,580
 165,580
 165,580

 Interest income
 (5,742)
 (5,742)

2,965,975 164,906 2,801,069

Income before income taxes and

 minority interests
 299,349 (164,906)
 464,255

 Provision for income taxes
 93,193 (61,880)
 155,073

 Income before minority interests
 206,156 (103,026)
 309,182

Minority interests (71,667) (71,667) Net income \$134,489 \$(103,026) \$237,515

Weighted average common shares

outstanding 389,135 389,135

Net income per common share \$0.35 \$0.61

Weighted average common shares

outstanding -- assuming

dilution 399,077 399,077

Net income per common share -

assuming dilution \$0.34 \$0.60

Add-back to income for diluted

earnings per share:

Interest and amortization on

convertible debt * --- ---

* The effect of these securities was antidilutive

- (a) Charge related to settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice.
- (b) Impairment charge related to the write-off of the unamortized balance of loan fees on retired debt.
- (c) Loss related to the sale of certain facilities.

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation Quarterly Statistics (Unaudited)

1st Qtr 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Total

Outpatient Division Total Visits: (Revised to exclude Occupational Medicine)

2000 2,212,042 2,266,260 2,195,908 2,271,269 8,945,479 2001 2,198,772 2,249,908 2,243,112 6,691,792

Inpatient Division Total Patient Days:

2000 647,575 643,441 668,451 650,987 2,610,454 2001 653,434 661,635 659,515 1,974,584

Medical Center Division Total Patient Days: (Revised to Exclude Richmond

Medical Center)

 2000
 24,390
 22,283
 24,355
 24,000
 95,028

 2001
 29,271
 24,243
 24,238
 77,752

Surgery Center Division Total Cases:

2000 217,505 220,593 212,647 219,321 870,066 2001 219,777 225,512 211,570 656,859

Diagnostic Division Total Procedures:

2000 213,505 221,052 242,647 250,621 927,825 2001 268,645 274,623 275,908 819,176 For more information, contact Richard M. Scrushy, Chairman & CEO, or Tadd McVay, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, at 205-967-7116.

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