

HEALTHSOUTH Announces Disposition of Nursing Homes

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HEALTHSOUTH Corporation announced that it had recently completed the disposition of five nursing homes in Massachusetts originally acquired in connection with its 1997 acquisition of Horizon/CMS Healthcare Corporation. The facilities, which had been managed for the company by independent operators since the Horizon/CMS acquisition, were leased by Horizon/CMS from Senior Housing Properties Trust until January 2002. As announced at that time, HEALTHSOUTH acquired ownership of the facilities from Senior Housing Properties Trust in a real estate swap transaction in January. After obtaining appropriate regulatory approvals, HEALTHSOUTH sold the five properties in a single transaction to a privately held long-term care operator. While terms of the transaction were not disclosed, HEALTHSOUTH indicated that the transaction would be accretive to both earnings and cash flows going forward, and that a non-cash charge relating to the sale of the properties would be reflected in the company's second quarter results of operations, which will be reported on August 7. The company also stated that it had no remaining ownership interest in any other former Horizon/CMS long-term care facilities, substantially all of which were sold at the end of 1997.

HEALTHSOUTH is the nation's largest provider of outpatient surgery and rehabilitative healthcare services, with approximately 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/>.

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