

## **Jon F. Hanson Assumes Role as HealthSouth's Chairman of the Board**

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HealthSouth Corporation (OTC Pink Sheets: HLSH) today announced that Jon F. Hanson has officially assumed his role as HealthSouth's Chairman of the Board effective October 1, 2005.

"Jon's experience and leadership have contributed significantly to HealthSouth's success to date," said HealthSouth President and CEO Jay Grinney. "On behalf of the Company, we are pleased to have someone with Jon's experience and qualifications serve as Chairman. The management team and I look forward to working with him as we continue to build a successful future for HealthSouth."

Mr. Hanson has been on HealthSouth's Board since September 2002. He is the Chairman and founder of The Hampshire Companies of Morristown, NJ and has more than 45 years of experience in the real estate industry. He also serves as a Director of Prudential Financial Corp., CD&L, Inc., and Pascack Community Bank.

### About HealthSouth

HealthSouth is one of the nation's largest providers of outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative healthcare services, operating facilities nationwide. HealthSouth can be found on the Web at [www.healthsouth.com](http://www.healthsouth.com).

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