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Accellent and Marathon Health Partner for Employee Health *Employee Health Status and Costs Drive New Health Strategy*

Colchester, VT, November 5, 2008 – Marathon Health, a leading provider of onsite employee health services and technology solutions, announced today that Accellent, a leading medical device manufacturing company, has selected Marathon Health to provide onsite primary care, risk reduction and disease management for employees at its Collegeville, PA facility and health assessments, risk reduction and disease management for its workforce located in 15 other facilities throughout the United States.

"At Accellent, we believe that employee well being begins with engaging employees in their own health and healthcare," said Brian Young, Director, Human Resource Operations of Accellent. "Engaging employees is the key to producing a productive workforce and simultaneously reducing healthcare costs. We partnered with Marathon Health because we share a core value of caring about the employees and their well being. Together we have an opportunity to fulfill the company vision to "Help People Live Better Lives."

Services available at the onsite clinic will include acute and urgent care, health assessments, health coaching, and disease management. Remote employees will receive health assessments and coaching. All employees at the clinic will have access to a comprehensive health technology platform with a Personal Health Record, consumer health information, and interactive health tools.

According to David Demers, MPH, and Director of Strategic Planning at Marathon Health, improving the health status of a workforce requires organizational commitment and readiness to embrace a new health strategy. "Working with Hays Companies, Accellent developed a new vision for employee health services and delivery to mitigate out-of-control healthcare costs and associated health problems experienced by employees," said Demers. "In choosing Marathon Health, Accellent noted that our technology and methods are the most progressive in the industry in terms of helping people take responsibility for their health."

"Providing our clients with creative approaches to meeting their health benefits needs is a hallmark of Hays Companies," said Russell Berman, Executive Vice President of Hays. "Accellent presented the ideal opportunity to move healthcare services closer to the employee, and in so doing, we anticipate significant gains from employee satisfaction, absenteeism, health improvements, and in healthcare expense reduction. Partnering Accellent and Marathon Health is a sure win!"

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About Marathon Health

Marathon Health offers a proven solution for helping employers reduce the total cost of healthcare. Our approach integrates the best practices of onsite primary care, health assessment with risk identification, coaching and advocacy, and disease and condition management for individuals with identifiable and controllable risk factors. Together, these services create a unique worksite health program. The Marathon Health solution produces superior results in terms of reducing the risk profile and preventable claim costs for the population, resulting in substantial Return on Investment for our clients

At Marathon Health, we support our unique onsite health services model with our *Health Engagement System*™ technology including our eHealth Portal with consumer medical content, interactive diet and fitness tools, and a personal health record, portable from carrier to carrier, and owned by the employee. Our technology is built around a sophisticated clinical decision support tool called Problem Knowledge Couplers, affording providers and patients alike with the information required for a complete problem oriented health record and a tailored plan of health management options for all risks and conditions. For more information please visit www.marathon-health.com.

About Accellent

Accellent provides fully integrated outsourced manufacturing and engineering services to the medical device industry in the cardiology, endoscopy, drug delivery, neurology and orthopedic markets. Accellent has broad capabilities in design and engineering services, precision component fabrication, finished device assembly and complete supply chain management. These capabilities enhance customers' speed to market and return on investment by allowing them to refocus internal resources more efficiently. For more information, please visit www.accelent.com.

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