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**Strategic Healthcare Programs, LLC and Viterion TeleHealthcare LLC
Announce a Data Exchange Agreement to Report Telehealth Outcomes Data**

Santa Barbara, California and Tarrytown, New York – October 1, 2006 - Strategic Healthcare Programs, LLC (SHP) announced an agreement with Viterion TeleHealthcare to develop a data exchange between Viterion's telehealth devices and SHP's outcomes, benchmarking and business intelligence service. Using Web Services technology, this interface will offer a state-of-the-art mechanism for transmitting structured data, which will complement SHP's real-time data reporting. Clients of Viterion will have a host of critical financial and clinical data tools available to them. They will also be able to examine their return on investment in telehealth by comparing nursing visits, hospitalizations, costs, and clinical data between their monitored and non-monitored patients.

Strategic Healthcare Programs, headquartered in Santa Barbara, California, leads in the field of healthcare informatics and real-time data services for post-acute markets. Since 1996, the company has been helping healthcare companies succeed. SHP serves over 1,500 healthcare providers in multiple markets - home health, hospice, infusion, and HME. In 1995, SHP was awarded the National Managed HealthCare Organization's HITS Award for its ability to demonstrate improved patient care through the use of technology.

Viterion TeleHealthcare, a Bayer-Panasonic company, was established when it became evident that Bayer's healthcare knowledge and Panasonic's technical expertise could create a company that makes telehealth so easy to implement and cost-effective, that it becomes the standard for delivering affordable, quality healthcare. Based in Tarrytown, New York, Viterion offers a wide selection of web-based telehealth solutions for wellness monitoring, personal health, chronic disease management and post-acute home care. Viterion was awarded Frost & Sullivan's 2004 Patient Monitoring Product of the Year Award and the 2006 Marketing Strategy Leadership Award.

Barbara Rosenblum, CEO of SHP, states, "We are delighted about this alliance and especially pleased with Viterion's willingness to build a state-of-the-art mechanism for data exchange. Viterion clients will appreciate the speed and accuracy with which a host of information is returned to them."

Robert Dean, Director Sales and Service of Viterion TeleHealthcare, states, "Our customers will now have the ability to easily measure quality indicators and compare their patients using telehealth to those that are not. Having this alliance will empower our joint clients to distinguish themselves in their marketplace."

For more information, contact either company.

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