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**VGM and Strategic Healthcare Programs Announce
HME Performance and Benchmarking Alliance**

Santa Barbara, California. October 3, 2006 – Strategic Healthcare Programs, LLC (SHP) and VGM, Inc. announced a strategic initiative that provides performance reporting and benchmarking to over 2,000 VGM members

Van G. Miller & Associates and its sister companies, known as The VGM Group, is the nation’s most comprehensive member service organization for independent Home Medical equipment (HME) providers. VGM also operates HomeLink, a network of home nursing, infusion, and related services for managed care payers.

Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP), based in Santa Barbara, California, is home care’s leading data reporting service, currently serving 1,285 home health agencies, 125 home infusion providers, and hundreds of HME dealers.

The web-based program helps HME dealers comply with the new CMS Quality Reporting requirements. It also provides data to demonstrate value, quality, and clinical and financial benchmarking. The program is accessed directly from the VGM web site and powered by SHP.

“We are delighted to embark on this forward-thinking initiative with VGM,” said Barbara Rosenblum, CEO of Strategic Healthcare programs. “This combines the strengths of both companies to provide a solution to CMS Quality Reporting for HME. VGM has been very proactive in this regard.”

Mark Higley, Vice President of Development for Van G. Miller & Associates, said, “VGM is pleased to pair this program with our own quality and accrediting program. The response from our membership has been enormously favorable.”

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