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## National Healthcare Corporation Renews Contract for Proofpoint Infection Control Tool

**Cincinnati, OH** – Jan 7, 2014 – This week National Healthcare Corporation (NHC) – Sumter, a 135-bed skilled nursing facility, renewed its contract for use of Proofpoint's cloud-based Infection Control Tool (ICT).

Common challenges in the skilled nursing industry include providing a satisfactory number of nurse hours per resident per day and minimizing patients' risk of infection. ICT provides an easy-to-implement solution that addresses both challenges.

With Proofpoint's ICT, the NHC staff can track any symptom that may be contagious or spreading.

ICT is proving valuable for mitigating F-Tag 441 (infection control program) issues and, since implementing the Proofpoint solution, NHC Sumter has had no violations in this key assessment area.

ICT also helps redirect staff time from administrative activities to patient care. According to one staff member during an open feedback session, "Proofpoint has taken a full time, 40-hour per week, job and reduced it to a 20 hour per month activity!"

Said another, "With the time Proofpoint saves us, we have shifted our focus from basic compliance to the educational aspects of infection control."

"Our one-year relationship with NHC Sumter has been an extraordinary example of mutual support, and the practical patient-focused results are readily apparent in the data," said Kyle Stirling, Proofpoint's Senior Director of Healthcare Solutions.

About Proofpoint Systems: Proofpoint Systems of Los Altos, CA, (<a href="www.proofpoint.net">www.proofpoint.net</a>) is disrupting the highly calcified, \$400B consulting industry by providing secure cloud applications that support operational excellence in four key areas—planning, analysis, management, and measurement. Proofpoint's modular tool kit is a <a href="business">business</a> performance utility where people do their day-to-day work, engage with others, and share information of mutual value. The results are measurable changes to organizational performance, visible integration, better resource use, and accountability excellence.

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