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## Schumacher Clinical Partners and ECI Healthcare Partners Unite

Combined Company Significantly Broadens U.S. Market Presence

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Emergency and hospital medicine management companies Schumacher Clinical Partners (SCP) and ECI Healthcare Partners, Inc. (ECI) have announced they are merging, effective by the end of Q2 2016, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

Combining their networks will allow for an expansion of resources, a further growth of service offerings, and the utilization of industry leading best practices. In total, the combined SCP and ECI organization will become one of the largest health service networks in the U.S., resulting in an active presence across the country with a combined 450 programs, caring for over 8 million patients a year.

"ECI's existing footprint complements ours with market presence including the West Coast, the Midwest, and parts of the Northeast. Additionally, their unique model of clinical leadership in the field helps deepen our physician-led culture," said Rich D'Amato, chief executive officer, SCP. "We are eager to join together and advance our mutual missions of providing the highest quality care for patients," he added.

Dr. Derik King, President of ECI Healthcare Partners, stated, "Being physician-led and patient-focused for the last 44 years, the creation of this new company gives us the opportunity to advance the service and value we bring clients and patients in today's competitive healthcare environment."

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*[Schumacher Clinical Partners](#) is a privately held, physician-driven company dedicated to helping hospitals and providers focus on delivering high-quality patient care. As one of the nation's largest and fastest growing health care organizations, SCP partners with more than 5,000 providers to help care for 6 million+ patients annually with innovative, patient-centered solutions covering the entire continuum of care, including emergency medicine, hospital medicine, wellness programs, and consulting services.*

*ECI Healthcare Partners was founded in 1972 by Dr. James M. Johnson and Dr. Robert M. Williams, two of the original emergency physicians in the country. Over the years, ECI has efficiently managed the care of over 27 million patients and developed into a nationwide network of professional services that reach well beyond emergency departments. Today the company offers a wide variety of healthcare solutions, including value-based medicine, physician practice and revenue cycle management, and quality, education, and risk management services to emergency physicians, hospitalist physicians, urgent cares, outpatient physician practices, and telemedicine programs in all 50 states.*

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SCP Health (SCP) is a clinical company. At our core we work to bring hospitals and healers together in the pursuit of clinical effectiveness. With a portfolio of over 8 million patients, 7500 providers, 30 states, and 400 healthcare facilities, SCP Health is a leader in clinical practice management spanning the entire continuum of

care, including emergency medicine, hospital medicine, wellness, telemedicine, intensive care, and ambulatory care.