Preferred was also officially recognized by the California State Assembly, the County of Orange, and U.S. Representatives John Campbell (R-CA-48) and Loretta Sanchez (D-CA-47).

Preferred Excellent Care Pharmacy is a full-service home care/infusion provider that works in conjunction with PEC Healthcare & Hospice to provide infusion therapy and other related services to patients at home and in skilled nursing facilities.

Vantage Home Infusion Celebrates New Facility
Vantage Home Infusion, based in Meadville, Pennsylvania, recently moved into a new facility, complete with a new state-of-the-art clean room and two infusion suites. Vantage’s parent company, Vantage Health Care, spent 18 months and $5.5 million renovating an abandoned industrial building in downtown Meadville for its new headquarters. With $1.5 million in matching funds from a governor’s grant designed to encourage infill, a former boiler factory and zipper manufacturing plant was converted into a three-story, 66,000 square-foot home for 250 of Vantage’s approximately 400 employees.

Nine of Vantage’s 12 divisions, including the Vantage Home Infusion, moved into the new facility, which CEO Jerry Alonge calls “a celebration of economic success.” Vantage Health Care is a for-profit company owned by 13 non-profit community hospitals in the region. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Vantage provides numerous traditionally outsourced health care services including group purchasing of supplies, an institutional pharmacy, linen service, and others to serve its hospital-based partnership—profits are returned to the non-profit mem-

Preferred Excellent Care Pharmacies in Garden Grove, California, was selected as a 2009 Circle of Care Award recipient by CalOptima, an integrated health care system that administers health insurance programs for Orange County children, low-income families, and persons with disabilities. The award recognizes outstanding health care professionals who demonstrate excellence in the delivery of accessible and high-quality health care services to CalOptima members.
bers. Vantage Home Infusion provides traditional IV therapies and services in the home and alternate-site for all of Vantage’s hospital members as well as other regional referral sources, many of which are in rural areas.

**Baxter Named to Dow Jones Sustainability Index**

Baxter International, Inc., has been named the 2009 Medical Products Industry Leader of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) and the Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index (DJSI North America). This marks the 11th consecutive year that the company has been listed in the DJSI and the eighth year the company has been named Medical Products Industry Leader since the launch of the DJSI in 1999.

“Our focus on sustainability reflects our values, enhances our business and is part of our responsibility as a global leader,” said Robert L. Parkinson, Jr., Baxter’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “This recognition once again validates Baxter’s sustainability efforts.”

The Dow Jones Sustainability indices, derived from the Dow Jones Global Index, are the world’s first benchmarks tracking the financial performance of leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. The DJSI World Index tracks the financial performance of the top 10 percent in each of 57 sectors out of the 2,500 largest companies in the Dow Jones Global Index in terms of social, economic and environmental performance. The DJSI North America Index includes the top 20 percent of the 600 largest North American companies in the Dow Jones Global Index.

In addition to Baxter’s inclusion in the DJSI, the company has been recognized by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World and by Corporate Responsibility...
Officer magazine as one of the 100 Best Corporate Citizens in the United States. Baxter is a member of the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College, the Business Environmental Leadership Council of the Pew Center on Global Climate Exchange, the Chicago Climate Exchange, the U.S. EPA’s Climate Leaders, and the Ethics & Compliance Officer Association. Baxter endorses the Ceres principles and is an organizational stakeholder of the Global Reporting Initiative. The Ceres principles are a 10-point code of corporate environmental conduct. By endorsing the Ceres principles or adopting their own comparable code, companies not only formalize their dedication to environmental awareness and accountability, but also actively commit to an ongoing process of continuous improvement, dialogue and comprehensive, systematic public reporting.

**Nowobilski-Vasilios Named Alumnus of the Year**

Anna Nowobilski-Vasilios, Pharm.D., M.B.A., FASHP, CNSC, BCNSP, was recently named the 2009 University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year.

“This was a very special honor,” says Nowobilski-Vasilios, who is the Principal at Anovation, Inc., “particularly on the 30th anniversary of my graduation in 1979, and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College in 1859.”

Alumnus of the Year is the college’s highest honor, this award recognizes a graduate who stands as an innovator, exhibits leadership, and has contributed significantly to the pharmacy profession. Nowobilski-Vasilios held various management and clinical positions in the home infusion industry, was a pharmacy residency director, is Director-at-Large for the ASHP Section of Home, Ambulatory, and Chronic Care Practitioners, is the President of the Polish American Pharmacists Association, and is an adjunct faculty member at Midwestern University.

Nowobilski-Vasilios has been an active member of NHIA for a number of years, contributing most recently to the Education Committee, where she is developing the first-ever original poster session for the 2010 NHIA Annual Conference & Exposition. She’s a perennial speaker at NHIA conferences,
conducting a session on new drugs year after year to a standing-room only crowd.

Pharmacists Mutual Celebrates 100 Years, Named to Inc. Magazine’s 5,000

Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company was included in Inc. Magazine’s listing of the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in America. In addition, on October 16, the company marked its 100th anniversary of serving the pharmacy profession.

Founded in 1909, Pharmacists Mutual has demonstrated steady growth, which has accelerated over the past decade, attracting the attention of Inc. and earning it the ranking of 4,898 on the magazine’s 2009 top 5,000 list. Since 2000, Pharmacists Mutual has grown its revenue 252 percent and increased its staff from 173 to 300. In 2008 the premiums written in the company’s 48-state territory totaled $105 million.

The 2009 Inc. 5,000 serves as a unique report card on the U.S. economy. Despite the ongoing recession, aggregate revenue among the companies on the list actually increased to $214 billion, up $29 billion from last year, with a median three-year growth rate of 126 percent. The Inc. 5,000 are responsible for creating more than 1 million jobs since their founding, making the list perhaps the best example of the impact private, fast-growing companies can have on the economy. Complete results of the Inc. 5,000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region and other criteria, can be found on Inc.com.

In honor of its 100th anniversary, Pharmacists Mutual was also welcomed into the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) Century Club, which recognizes mutual insurance companies who have served policyholders for 100 years.

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