



NETWORK 8, INC.

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Network 8 merges with Alliant Health Solutions

(JACKSON, Miss.) – Network 8 and Alliant Health Solutions (Alliant) have announced plans to merge in a move that will strengthen and expand both organizations’ focus on improving the quality of health care. The boards of directors of both companies unanimously approved the merger, which becomes effective December 1, 2011.

Network 8 Inc., based in Jackson, Mississippi, is the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network contractor for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. The organization serves as a technical resource for providers and as an advocate for patients and their families in promoting quality outcomes and appropriate modes of therapy for patients with chronic kidney disease.

“This merger will allow us to continue to improve the quality and experience of care for all kidney patients in the states we serve. In coming together, both companies will benefit from the wealth of expertise that each has to offer, but the real benefactor will be the patient,” said Jerry Fuller, Network 8 Executive Director.

“In addition to improving the quality of care for patients, our corporate values and missions align with one another. Both Network 8 and Alliant are committed to providing the highest quality services to our patients.”

Alliant is a professional services organization offering custom health care solutions that increase the value, effectiveness and accessibility of health care. Alliant consists of a family of companies that includes Alliant | GMCF – The Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Georgia, Alliant ASO, Alliant Integrity and Alliant Quality. As a subsidiary of Alliant Health Solutions, Network 8 will retain its identity, with current staff continuing operations from its offices in Jackson, Mississippi.