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ASCENT HONORED BY MEDASSETS FOR IMPROVING FINANCIAL HEALTH OF HOSPITALS

PHOENIX, Ariz. – May 3, 2010 – Ascent, a leader in delivering healthcare resource sustainability, received the MedAssets Supply Chain Savings Award for its commitment to making healthcare more affordable. The prestigious award is given annually to the supplier who demonstrates the greatest commitment to the MedAssets mission of improving financial health of hospitals by delivering the highest amount of member savings. Ascent's reprocessing programs helped MedAssets' hospital partners save nearly \$13 million in 2009 – a 58 percent increase in financial savings since 2007. Additionally, MedAssets' hospitals have deferred more than 433,000 pounds of waste away from local landfills as a result of reprocessing.

"Ascent has made significant contributions to MedAssets' hospital customers over the past year," said Mark Miriani, President, MedAssets Supply Chain Systems. "Ascent helps ensure our hospitals are maximizing opportunities for immediate and sustainable financial and environmental savings, ultimately freeing resources that can be reinvested into other patient care initiatives."

MedAssets, one of the leading providers of financial improvement solutions for the healthcare industry, serves more than 125 health systems, 3,300 hospitals and 40,000 non-acute healthcare providers across the U.S.

"We're very pleased that Ascent reprocessing programs are making a difference for MedAssets' hospital customers," said Timothy J. Scannell, group president of

Stryker Corporation. “In today’s challenging healthcare environment, industry leaders like MedAssets are increasingly focused on implementing sustainable solutions, like reprocessing, that control costs while helping to improve overall quality of care.”

ABOUT ASCENT: A STRYKER SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTION

Ascent, a division of Stryker Corporation, is the leading provider of reprocessing (cleaning, testing/verifying, packaging and sterilizing) and remanufacturing (disassembling, repairing and manufacturing) services for medical devices as well as comprehensive recycling and redistribution initiatives. Stryker is the only global OEM to offer innovative, cost-effective sustainability solutions, like Ascent’s reprocessing and remanufacturing programs, to help meet the demands of its hospital partners. Specifically, Ascent’s programs target inefficient practices and reclaim and redirect consumable and financial resources in order to promote healthy and responsible hospitals. Ascent’s customers include most of the “Honor Roll” hospitals recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information about Ascent, visit www.ascenths.com.

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