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# U.S. Renal Care Forms Joint Venture with Eumana Home Dialysis Expands Platform into Regional Markets

Feb. 11, 2008 – DALLAS — U.S. Renal Care Inc. (USRC), a leading provider of outpatient kidney dialysis services, has formed a strategic joint venture with Eumana Home Dialysis Inc. (Eumana), and USRC has acquired a majority interest in the assets of an existing home dialysis program that serves the needs of home dialysis patients in and around Houston. Eumana provides home hemodialysis, acute hemodialysis, and peritoneal dialysis in patient's homes and in the hospital.

"I am excited to form this joint venture with U.S. Renal Care in providing state-of-the-art home dialysis treatment for patients whose circumstances allow for home therapy," said S. Noor Rahman, M.D., FACP, FASN, Board Certified in Nephrology. "We look forward to a partnership that allows us to expand and serve these patients in their home environment."

"Our focus is to treat patients with the latest and highest quality treatment options available," said Chau Vu, M.D., Certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. "The relationship with U.S. Renal Care will allow us to further our mission and provide convenient, quality care to more patients at home." Both Dr. Rahman and Dr. Vu represent the physician group who is partnering with U.S. Renal Care in this transaction.

U.S. Renal Care plans to expand Eumana's unique service offering of home dialysis in other markets where it already operates. By adding these services in other markets, U.S. Renal Care will be able to provide all dialysis options and satisfy patient choices in the rapidly growing home dialysis market segment.

"We are very excited about our new partnership with a distinguished group of nephrologists who have successfully expanded into the home dialysis market," said Chris Brengard, CEO of USRC. "We share a demand for excellence in the delivery of home and acute dialysis care and are thrilled about utilizing this platform in other regional markets where U.S. Renal Care already has a significant presence."

### **About Eumana Home Dialysis**

Eumana Dialysis is a full service JCAHO accredited agency (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) licensed by the State of Texas. The company has provided home and acute dialysis treatments since 1996 and is now servicing patients in 12 counties in and around the Houston area. Eumana provides each patient with the services of an experienced licensed nurse, registered dietician, social worker, and all other disciplines coordinated by the Medical Director, the nephrologist, and the primary physician of the patient. The company's purpose and goal is to provide quality care to each patient and has an experienced multi-lingual staff working with patients on an individual basis to provide the highest quality service with confidence and trust.

### **About U.S. Renal Care**

Founded in 2000 by an experienced team of healthcare executives, U.S. Renal Care Inc. works in partnership with

nephrologists to develop, acquire and operate outpatient treatment centers for persons suffering from chronic kidney failure, also known as End Stage Renal Disease. The company provides patients with their choice of a full range of quality in-center, acute or at-home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services. U.S. Renal Care Inc. operates 45 dialysis centers in Texas and Arkansas, caring for approximately 2,600 dialysis patients. The company's financial partners are SV Life Sciences™, Salix Ventures, Select Capital Ventures and Thoma Cressey Bravo.

For more information on U.S. Renal Care Inc., please visit [www.usrenalcare.com](http://www.usrenalcare.com).

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