

AmeriSource Announces Date and Time for Earnings Release, Conference Call and Webcast

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 25, 2000--AmeriSource Health Corporation (NYSE: AAS) today announced that it plans to release its Fourth Quarter and FY2000 year-end results on Thursday, November 2, 2000 prior to the opening of the New York Stock Exchange.

The company will host a conference call to discuss the results at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 2, 2000. Participating in the conference call will be: R. David Yost, Chief Executive Officer Kurt J. Hilzinger, Chief Operations Officer George L. James, III, Chief Financial Officer

In order to ensure the widest distribution possible, the company will be broadcasting the conference call over the Internet. The call will be accessible through Street Events, www.streetevents.com, and also through AmeriSource's web site, www.amerisource.com. Users are encouraged to log on to the call approximately 15 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time of the call.

If you are unable to access the call via the Internet and would like to listen to the live call via telephone, you must make a reservation with AmeriSource Investor Relations by calling 610/727-7199 no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on October 31, 2000.

Following the live call, replays will be made available on the Internet and via telephone. A replay of the webcast will be posted on www.amerisource.com approximately two hours after the completion of the call and will remain available for thirty days. To access the telephone replay, from within the US dial 800/475-6701.

From outside the US, dial 320/365-3844. The access code is 542980. The telephone replay will be available from 2:30 p.m. EST on 11/02/00 to 11:59 p.m. on 11/9/00.

About AmeriSource

AmeriSource Health Corporation, with more than \$11 billion in operating revenue, is a leading distributor of pharmaceutical and related healthcare services and the industry's largest provider of pharmaceuticals to the acute care/health systems market.

Headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, the Company serves its base of about 15,000 customer accounts through a national network of more than 20 strategically located distribution facilities. For news and additional information about the company, visit its web site at www.amerisource.com

Certain information contained in the earnings press release and conference call may include forward-looking statements (as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) that reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance.

Certain factors such as competitive pressures, success of restructuring initiatives, market interest rates, regulatory changes, continued industry consolidation, changes in customer mix, changes in pharmaceutical manufacturers' pricing and distribution policies, the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships and other matters contained in the Company's 10-K for fiscal year 1999 and other public documents could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The company assumes no obligation to update the matters discussed in the earnings press release or conference call.

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