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

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BW HealthWire)--Jan. 16, 2001--AmeriSource Health Corporation (NYSE: AAS) today announced that it plans to release its First Quarter FY2001 results on Thursday, February 1, 2001 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 February 1, 2001. Participating in the conference call will be:

R. David Yost, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Kurt J. Hilzinger, President & Chief Operating 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 webcast 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 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 30, 2001.

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 565758. The telephone replay will be available from 3:00 p.m. EST on 2/1/01 to 11:59 p.m. on 2/8/01.

About AmeriSource

AmeriSource Health Corporation, with nearly \$12 billion in operating revenue, is a leading distributor of pharmaceutical and related healthcare products and 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 this press release includes 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 or systems initiatives, market interest rates, regulatory changes, continued industry consolidation, changes in customer mix, changes in pharmaceutical manufacturers' pricing and distribution policies, changes in U.S. government policies, customer insolvencies, the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships and other matters contained in the Company's 10-K for fiscal year 2000 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 this press release.

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