Employer-Driven Sleep Apnea Program Now Available for Commercial Motor Carriers

Precision Pulmonary completes pilot program at Schneider National, begins testing with SYSCO Corporation

Houston, TX – **August 23, 2007** – Precision Pulmonary Diagnostics, creators of a sleep apnea detection and treatment program targeted toward the commercial vehicle industry, today announced full availability of its comprehensive solution for enhancing truck driver safety and lowering health care costs for motor carriers. The announcement follows completion of nearly three years of design and testing of Precision Pulmonary's patent-pending online screening tool and sleep apnea detection and treatment program.

In conjunction with Schneider National, a premier provider of truckload, logistics and intermodal services, Dr. Mark Berger, president of Precision Pulmonary, reported that all necessary aspects of research and development were covered. In addition, Houston-based SYSCO Corporation, North America's leading foodservice marketer and distributor, will begin the program in the fall. "Working with Schneider to fine-tune our program was, and continues to be, a great opportunity," he stated. "We are very pleased with the results they have experienced so far and look forward to working with SYSCO."

SYSCO will begin using the online screening tool with a select number of drivers in the fall. Pending the results from the initial testing, additional areas of the company will begin testing as well.

"We recognize sleep apnea as a problem that we can address in a proactive manner," stated Sandra Carson, assistant vice president of safety & crisis management for SYSCO. "From what we have seen, Precision Pulmonary's program is designed to quickly and effectively diagnose and treat our employees, and we are looking forward to getting started."

"When government and industry-led sleep apnea studies showed that 28% of truck drivers were at risk we knew this was an area in which we needed to focus," stated Wendy Sullivan, RN/occupational health manager at Schneider National. "Precision Pulmonary's program is designed for trucking. They understand the drivers' world of 'don't take me out of service' and 'don't make me wait'. That was very important to us and to the success of the program."

According to Angela Fish, Schneider National director of benefits, post treatment for the 778 drivers that were found to have sleep apnea and treated for it, Schneider National is realizing:

- A savings of \$500-\$708 in health care costs per treated driver per month
- A 30% reduction in accident frequency due to eliminating driver fatigue
- A 1.9 times improvement in driver retention

"In partnership with Precision Pulmonary," explained Fish, "we reduced our healthcare costs an average of 58% for our treated drivers. This program has been a huge success for us."

About Precision Pulmonary Diagnostics

Founded in 2005 by sleep specialist, Mark B. Berger, M.D., Precision Pulmonary Diagnostics (PPD) is committed to the diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea in commercial drivers/operators, resulting in improved driver health and safety and significant return on investment for their employer. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, PPD's patent-pending programs allow administration of employer-driven sleep apnea programs that include web-based screening tools, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of this highly prevalent condition. For more information go to <u>www.precisionpulmonary.com</u>

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