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# Press Release



## Medrec, Inc. receives JCAHO Staffing Certification

**The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has Awarded their Gold Seal of Approval to MEDREC, Inc. for exceeding National Staffing Standards for Health Care Quality and Safety.**

San Antonio, TX, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Medrec, Inc., the largest staffing company for Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists in Texas, has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Medrec, Inc. is now the only JCAHO certified Therapy only staffing company in Texas. Medrec, Inc. subjected itself to this rigorous certification in response to their client's call for higher standards in the healthcare staffing industry. The certification took several months and involved interviews with clients, employees and contract therapists.

Medrec's background: MEDREC was founded in 1974 by one of its current owners, Philip Knight-Sheen, as a Nurse recruitment firm in San Antonio, Texas. Philip Knight-Sheen, a British Registered Nurse who came to the United States in 1960, provided the experience and guidance to develop MEDREC into one of the leading international nurse recruitment firms in the United States.

In 1982, MEDREC was purchased by National Medical Enterprises (NME) and continued to operate in San Antonio, Texas under that corporate name. Philip Knight-Sheen was hired as the Vice-President of NME for the international recruitment division. After five lucrative years, National Medical Enterprises reorganized and MEDREC was released back to Philip Knight-Sheen.

In 1992, MEDREC opened the exclusive therapist division. This new division focused solely on Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists and promoting the therapy industry.

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In 1999, Peter Knight-Sheen joined the MEDREC team as Vice President. Over the next several years, MEDREC grew from a small organization to the largest PRN and contract therapy company in Texas.

In 2001, 2002, and 2003, MEDREC was awarded the San Antonio Business Journal's FAST TRACK award.

In 2005, Steven Lee Tucker joined the MEDREC Team as the Vice President. Steven came to MEDREC after leading his hospital as its CEO to be number one out of 99 hospitals nationwide.

In 2006, Peter Knight-Sheen became President of MEDREC and shortly thereafter officially launched its Nationwide Travel Division.

Today MEDREC is still a leader in the recruitment profession. Philip Knight-Sheen has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Texas Physical Therapy Education and Research Foundation, sits on the Boards of the Shrine Hospital for children in Galveston & The Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah He enjoys the respect of fellow healthcare providers around the world. Peter Knight-Sheen has positioned the company as the largest Therapist Staffing and Recruiting firm in Texas by providing consistent quality and value based service to each candidate and customer. Peter is on the cutting edge of the staffing and recruiting industry by serving on both the local and state boards of the Texas Association of Personnel Consultants, as well as the Treehouse Day Program, a non-profit school for children with Autism. Steve Tucker is now expanding the Traveling Therapist Division to be the Largest in the country.

Why Medrec achieved Certification: "We sought accreditation for our organization because we want to demonstrate our commitment to client's safety and quality care," says Peter Knight-Sheen, President. "We view obtaining Joint commission accreditation as another step toward achieving excellence." Steve Tucker added, "in healthcare staffing there is a perception that contract healthcare professionals are of a lower quality than permanent employees. We fiercely disagree with that, especially for all of our contract Therapists. This Certification is our way of showing our clients that we can be held to the highest standard in the industry."

What is JCAHO?: Founded in 1951, the Joint commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in healthcare organizations. The Joint commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,200 hospitals and home care organizations and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care,

assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory, health care staffing services, and ambulatory care services. The Joint commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. An independent, not for profit organization, the Joint commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.