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ZIEGLER ADVISES HEALTHCARE INSIGHTS, LLC IN ITS ACQUISITION BY PREMIER, INC.

CHICAGO, IL – AUGUST 18, 2015 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce its role in advising Healthcare Insights, LLC (Healthcare Insights) on its acquisition by Premier, Inc. (NASDAQ: PINC).

Premier, headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is a healthcare improvement company, uniting an alliance of approximately 3,400 U.S. hospitals and 110,000 other providers to transform healthcare. With integrated data and analytics, collaboratives, supply chain solutions, and advisory and other services, the company enables better care and outcomes at a lower cost.

Healthcare Insights, founded in 2000, provides hospitals and healthcare systems with integrated financial management software solutions, including budgeting, forecasting, labor productivity and cost analytic capabilities. Healthcare Insights' customer base includes over 7,500 users across over 200 facilities.

The strategic combination will enable the combined company to better serve hospital and health system clients as a partner in improving their clinical, operational, and financial performance, and help them deliver more efficient, higher quality care. Ziegler's corporate finance team acted as a financial advisor to Healthcare Insights for this transaction.

[Andy Colbert](#), Managing Director in Ziegler's corporate finance healthcare practice, commented, "The Healthcare Insights management team has built an exceptional platform that has been ranked by KLAS as the industry's top provider of budgeting solutions in the healthcare sector for the past four years. We are thrilled to have represented Healthcare Insights' shareholders in this transaction.

This transaction is representative of the strong interest in best-in-class enterprise analytics solutions as the provider industry shifts towards a value-driven care model that is driving an increased need for financial accountability.”

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