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The NS Group and Health Care Information Systems (HCIS) Announce Merger of GPO Operations

Combined Entity Expands National Reach, Enhances Purchasing Power, and Strengthens Supply Chain Services Across the U.S.

The NS Group (NSG), a provider of menus, procurement, and operational support for healthcare and institutional facilities, and **Health Care Information Systems (HCIS)**, a Nebraska-based Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), have announced the partnership of their GPO operations, effective **October 1, 2025**.

This strategic union brings together two established GPOs with complementary strengths, expanding national buying power and broadening geographic coverage for long-term care, health care, and institutional providers.

> *"This partnership allows us to offer greater value to our members by combining resources, expanding our supplier network, and strengthening support services,"* said Jim Carpenter, CEO of The NS Group. *"Together, NSG + HCIS GPO will provide a smarter, more powerful procurement partner to the providers we serve."*

HCIS brings decades of experience serving Midwest providers, while NSG offers national reach and service offerings such as menu planning, compliance, and training. The partner entity will streamline operations related to human resources and accounting while retaining personnel and client relationships from both organizations. Clients can expect continuity in service, with no disruption to current contracts or supplier relationships.

For more information about the merger and what it means for clients, visit: https://thensgroup.co/nsg-hcis-partnership-announcement/

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