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**NACHC ANNOUNCES PREFERRED PARTNER AGREEMENT
WITH NATION'S LARGEST PHYSICIAN SEARCH FIRM**

Merritt Hawkins to Provide Physician, Allied Professional Recruiting Services

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Bethesda, MD -- The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has announced the signing of a preferred partnership agreement with Merritt Hawkins, the nation's largest physician search firm and a company of AMN Healthcare (NYSE: AHS).

Under the terms of the agreement, Merritt Hawkins will provide both permanent physician and allied healthcare professional placement for NACHC facilities nationwide at a fixed, discounted rate. In addition to its various recruiting services, Merritt Hawkins will provide NACHC facilities with a range of value-added resources, including survey benchmark data, white papers, and books detailing physician recruiting trends and methods. Using a consultative approach developed over the course of 20 years, Merritt Hawkins will assist NACHC members in establishing effective recruiting strategies and practices.

Founded in 1987, Merritt Hawkins conducts more physician search assignments each year than any other firm in the industry. Executives with the company have authored three books on physician recruiting related issues, and the company is nationally known for its physician recruiting expertise, notes Maurice Denis, Associate Vice President of Membership and Marketing with NACHC.

"Merritt Hawkins brings over 20 years of physician recruiting experience and a wealth of resources to the table for our members," Denis said. "The firm can be an important partner for our members during a time of increasingly severe physician shortages."

Under the agreement, Merritt Hawkins will contract directly with individual NACHC facilities to assist with physician search requirements in all medical specialties, as well as searches for allied healthcare professionals such as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and dentists. The firm's services may prove particularly timely as NACHC facilities begin to play an even larger role in healthcare delivery.

"We are excited to be a resource for NACHC and to assist its members with the vital services they are providing across the country," notes Travis Singleton, vice president of marketing for Merritt Hawkins.

For additional information about Merritt Hawkins visit www.merritthawkins.com.

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