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ZIEGLER ADVISES AUTISM HOME SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. ON ITS RECENT ACQUISITION BY INVO HEALTHCARE, A PORTFOLIO COMPANY OF THE WICKS GROUP, THE JORDAN COMPANIES AND POST CAPITAL

CHICAGO, IL – OCTOBER 18, 2017 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce it served as the sole financial advisor to Autism Home Support Services Inc. (AHSS) in its recent acquisition by Invo Healthcare (Invo), a leading provider of behavioral health and therapeutic services to over 60,000 individuals in 30 states with special needs and autism. This transaction allowed Invo to create a platform for delivery of multi-disciplinary care across multiple settings and to expand those services in new and existing markets.

Headquartered in Northbrook, IL, AHSS is a leading in-home and center-based autism services provider for children in Illinois, Colorado and Michigan. AHSS utilizes the evidence-based practices of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy, a treatment scientifically proven to have the most effective results for children with autism. The Company leverages core competencies (pre-care assessment, care plan development, ongoing care/support, online reporting and parent engagement/training) to make sure all efforts of the care givers and parents are focused on the child to improve both clinical and financial outcomes.

“We were very excited to work with AHSS to achieve not only this successful outcome for its shareholders, but to identify a partner in Invo that, when combined, creates the only national platform with the ability to provide ABA therapy for children in home, at school and in clinics. This multi-disciplinary approach is essential to achieve improved outcomes by providing a continuum of care that increases patient touchpoints and addresses different care needs required in various real-life settings,” commented Chris Rogers, Managing Director in Ziegler’s Corporate Finance practice and lead banker on this transaction. “Additionally, in the transitioning managed care and state environments, the combination of both AHSS and Invo will serve as a vehicle to further support
state access to care needs,” added Chris Hendrickson, Managing Director in Ziegler’s Corporate Finance practice.

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