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Photo: Encompass Group, LLC offers DermaCare™ thin, reusable underpad for patient care

### **Encompass Announces DermaCare™ Patient Care Underpads**

McDonough, GA–(August 2011)–Maintaining skin integrity is a critical component in the care of the hospitalized patient today. Understanding the impact of methods to maintain skin integrity is vital toward the prevention of pressure ulcers and skin breakdown. The use of a new-technology synthetic reusable underpad is beneficial to the patient in the acute care setting because of its ability to promote skin integrity, and not just protect the bed linen.

Encompass Group, LLC offers a full line of synthetic underpads, all with the goal of providing enhanced protection for the patient.

“The DermaCare™ underpad is the most technologically-advanced reusable underpad today. These underpads are intended to provide the ultimate in patient comfort and care,” said April Sanders, Encompass Group, LLC Marketing Manager, Reusable Textiles.

“DermaCare Patient Care underpads are designed with Stay-Dry technology to wick moisture away from the skin as quickly as possible to help prevent skin breakdown. While almost all other reusable incontinent pads are quilted, the DermaCare pad has a laminated construction, which makes it the thinnest reusable underpad available today. That reduces the amount of material between the skin and the pressure redistribution surface to further enhance skin integrity. This reusable underpad also retains its absorption characteristics longer than disposables.”

A top layer, or the “facing,” constructed of specifically designed 100% synthetic fabric, is comfortable next to the skin and quickly wicks moisture, pulling it into the middle “soaker” layer and away from the skin. A “barrier” layer on the bottom of the pad, constructed of brushed polyurethane, is 100% impermeable, protecting the bed linen and keeping the pad securely in place without bunching.

“Environmental concerns are also key,” said Carol Stamas, RN, BS, CLLM, Encompass Director, Clinical Resources, “America’s hospitals generate 6,600 tons of waste each day. Hospitals that have chosen to use disposable products rather than reusables produce a substantially greater amount of solid and medical waste, costing them more in disposal costs.” Patient care is paramount, but hospitals must also manage costs carefully. DermaCare provides an efficient, eco-friendly alternative to disposable incontinent pads giving users a cost-effective way to help ensure patient safety, comfort and dignity.”

Encompass provides a complete line of incontinent care products including adult briefs, diapers, and adult clothing protectors. “At Encompass, we know that incontinence is a sensitive issue, and it needs to be addressed with quality products provided by an experienced and knowledgeable company. Our underpads and briefs are available in a variety of facing fabrics, soaker weights, blends, and sizes, giving our customers the ability to make the right choices in providing safety and comfort for their patients,” Sanders said.



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#### About Encompass Group

Encompass Group, LLC (McDonough, GA) is one of the leading manufacturers and marketers of reusable textiles, professional apparel, and disposable- and single-use medical products. For nearly a century, Encompass has been helping health care and hospitality organizations create safe and comfortable environments for patients, staff, residents and guests. By focusing on innovation, product knowledge and customer service, we strive to always meet the needs of our clients and surpass their expectations.

Our people and services, combined with our comprehensive distribution and manufacturing facilities, allow Encompass to offer our customers the broadest spectrum of textile related solutions in the health care marketplace today. For more information, contact Encompass at [info@encompassgroup.net](mailto:info@encompassgroup.net), (800) 284-4540.

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