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The Orange County office of Accredited Nursing Care comes to the rescue for patients and staff formerly with Addus Healthcare.

In early July 2003, Addus Healthcare decided to close its Orange County branch and chose Accredited Nursing Care to assume responsibilities for its patients and staff. Addus, like many other home care providers, has been hampered by the alarming cost increases for Workers' Compensation Insurance Premiums.

Through this transition, Accredited added over 70 patients and 40 staff to its rapidly growing branch office. With our new caregivers, Accredited now has greater staffing capability in the South Orange County region.

In other events, Accredited is expanding its licensed home health services to the Los Angeles and West Los Angeles area. Our new branch will open in October 2003. Accredited was able to hire many of the nurses and therapists when Cedars Sinai Home Care closed in July.

Our Pediatric Home Care department is growing rapidly. We are hoping to expand outside of the current San Fernando Valley service area. Our Pediatric team was assembled after Medshares Home Care closed in December 2002.

Finally, Accredited Medical Equipment & Supply has been authorized by USC University Hospital to staff an in-house liaison in the hospital. USCUIH has chosen AMES to be their primary medical equipment & supply vendor. We are able to stock equipment in the hospital which helps speed up the discharge planning process. We are looking to recreate this relationship with other hospitals as well.

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