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HORNE LLP Hires Health Care Services Manager in Baton Rouge Office

BATON ROUGE, La., October 12, 2010 –HORNE LLP, one of the largest accounting and business advisory firms in the Southeast specializing in accounting and consulting services to the healthcare industry, announced today the addition of Sharon Walden to the firm's Baton Rouge office.

Walden will serve as manager in health care services for HORNE, bringing more than 27 years of experience into the position. Walden's responsibilities include valuation of health care entities and the design and valuation of physician compensation arrangements. She will consult with hospitals, health systems and physician group practices on operational, compliance and revenue cycle matters.

Walden earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She later completed graduate work in business and accounting at the University of New Orleans and the University of South Carolina. Walden is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, the Medical Group Management Association, and the American Academy of Professional Coders.

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