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HORNE Partner Contributing Author to the *The ACO Handbook* Published by AHLA

RIDGELAND, Miss., January 24, 2012 – HORNE LLP, one of the nation’s top 50 accounting and business advisory firms, along with the by the American Health Lawyers Association, recently announced the publication of *The ACO Handbook: A Guide to Accountable Care Organizations, First Edition with CD-ROM*. HORNE Partner Rud Blumentritt, CPA/ABV, CVA, was a contributing author to the resource published by AHLA.

One of the most talked about new developments in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is the Accountable Care Organization, or ACO. This new health care delivery method, and others, will require a level of cooperation and joint decision-making that has often been lacking in traditional health care organizations in the United States. The governing regulations are now final, and this handbook is aimed to help in determining whether or not to implement this new concept and if so, how to implement this new concept.

According to the American Health Lawyers Association, the book analyzes various components of an optimized delivery system and gives special attention to the shared governance that will be required for the success of ACOs. The coverage includes issues ranging from the financial aspects of ACOs to the unique nature of pediatric ACOs.

HORNE Partner Rud Blumentritt, CPA/ABD, CVA, authored the chapter on “Physician Compensation Valuation” in an ACO. Rud works on HORNE’s health care services team in the health care valuation division.

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