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## BUNCH AND STRATACARE ANNOUNCE POSITION ON ILLINOIS NETWORK CHANGES

November 9, 2011 – ISG Holdings Inc. is pleased to announce both of its operating units, Bunch & Associates LLC (hereafter Bunch) and StrataCare LLC (hereafter StrataCare), are fully engaged in implementing the required legislative changes to network configurations in the State of Illinois through its outcomes-based network solution, aptly named CONNECT™.

HB 1698 was signed into law on June 28, 2011, providing a comprehensive overhaul of the Illinois workers' compensation system. A key component of this legislation establishes a preferred provider program (PPP). Beginning September 1, 2012, injured workers will be able to select a provider from the PPP. Complete details regarding this bill can be found at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission web page [www.iwcc.il.gov](http://www.iwcc.il.gov).

Bunch and StrataCare will make available CONNECT™, ISG's proprietary network decision management tool, to ensure clients continue to receive the best quality care within the revised legal parameters adopted by the State of Illinois. As leaders in the workers' compensation disability management arena, Bunch and StrataCare are keenly aware of their role in managing participating provider network configurations for their clients. The ability to track and measure the entire claims process, including components of the IL PPP, utilization review and grievance procedures, helps clients achieve the best return-to-work outcomes. CONNECT™ identifies top-performing medical providers through data analytics, ensuring that injured employees are always connected to the ideal provider. The inclusion of CONNECT™ will allow employers to optimize benefits of the PPP program.

Bunch and StrataCare have filed individually as PPP administrators and are implementing the required tasks and absorbing the costs associated with this initiative. A PPP administrator is any entity that contracts with individual providers, a network or groups of networks to deliver medical services to an employer. Third-party administrators, self-administered employers and managed care companies that oversee network programs for employers will need to register as a PPP administrator in Illinois. Bunch and StrataCare have also received legal guidance on the proper formation of partnership agreements that will need to be completed with providers to ensure continued compliance with the state's PPP final rules and regulations.

"We are confident CONNECT™ will serve as the best dynamic option for our clients and prospects to continue delivering high-performing network alternatives," said Skip Creasey, president of StrataCare. Kathy Sergi, president of Bunch, added: "Our team of experts, dedicated to regulatory compliance, panel creation, and case management utilization, will continue to analyze and implement the best medical provider solutions for our existing and future clients."

CONNECT™ strengthens the advantages of participating in the PPP. Both the PPP and CONNECT™ are focused on achieving quality RTW outcomes-through high value care. Moreover, pairing CONNECT™ with online PPP directory tools and preferred provider panels will give employers an opportunity to direct treatment to best-in-class work comp providers.

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For more information about this law's impact on your organization, please contact your account manager or the individuals listed below.

***About ISG Holdings Inc.:***

*Based in Farmington, CT, ISG Holdings, is led by Paul Glover and backed by leading private equity investors, SV Life Sciences Advisers LLC and Beecken Petty O'Keefe & Company. ISG is a top-tier technology and service Company focused on medical cost management solutions in workers compensation, while serving the best interests of injured employees.*

***About StrataCare LLC:***

*StrataCare is a leader in national bill review software solutions and service for the workers' compensation industry. The StrataWare suite utilizes the latest browser-based technology to deliver an integrated solution that helps clients lower costs, improve productivity, increase profits, and meet regulatory or governmental compliance.*

***About Bunch & Associates LLC:***

*Bunch is a leading managed care solutions provider using expert, intelligent front-end systems to inform decision-making clinicians and other professionals managing loss costs. Through the integration of innovative systems, services and clinical resources, Bunch offers employers a multilevel, holistic approach to medical case management and bill review services.*

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