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## **HEALTHSOUTH PURCHASES LAND IN SOUTH DENVER AND ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW HOSPITAL**

Birmingham, Ala. – HealthSouth Corporation (NYSE: HLS) today announced its plans to begin construction on a new 49,000-square foot inpatient rehabilitation hospital in the Littleton, Colo. area of south Denver. Construction is scheduled to begin in the second quarter of this year and the hospital should be operational by the third quarter of 2013. In connection with these plans, HealthSouth purchased 11.65 acres of land located at 1001 West Mineral Ave., in Littleton.

“We look forward to providing our services to the residents of south Denver and the Littleton community,” said Jerry Gray, HealthSouth’s West Region President. “This new hospital will complement our existing 64-bed hospital in Colorado Springs and will provide residents with access to our high-quality inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative programs.”

Plans for the new hospital include 40 private rooms where inpatient rehabilitative care will be offered, including specialized rehabilitation programs using advanced technology to help patients recover from a major illness, injury or surgery.

It is expected approximately 300-400 construction jobs will be created during the building process. In its third year of operation, the hospital will employ approximately 90 full-time medical professionals.

### **About HealthSouth**

HealthSouth is the nation’s largest owner and operator of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals in terms of revenues, number of hospitals, and patients treated and discharged. Operating in 27 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, HealthSouth serves patients through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation satellite clinics and home health

agencies. HealthSouth's hospitals provide a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from conditions such as stroke and other neurological disorders, orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions, brain and spinal cord injuries, and amputations. HealthSouth can be found on the Web at [www.healthsouth.com](http://www.healthsouth.com).

*Forward-looking statements*

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