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[Map of the United States]
AMS Markets

Alabama	Arizona-1	Arkansas
Colorado-1	Delaware	Florida-1,2
Georgia-1	Illinois-1,2	Indiana-1
Iowa	Kansas-1	Louisiana
Maryland	Michigan-2	Mississippi-2
Missouri-1	Nebraska-1	Nevada
New Mexico-2	North Carolina-2	North Dakota
Ohio-1,2	Oklahoma-1,2	Pennsylvania-1,2
South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee-1,2
Texas-1,2	Utah-2	Virginia-1
West Virginia	Wisconsin-1,3	Washington DC

- Specializes in providing healthcare benefit plans for small-employer groups, individuals & families

- PPO model

- 2001 Revenues: \$876.6 million

- 557,716 health members at 12/31/01

1- Regional Sales Office located in this state
2- District Sales Office located in this state
3- Headquarters located in Green Bay, Wisconsin

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FEBRUARY 4 EARNINGS HIGHLIGHTS

- o Net income of \$0.30 per share in 4Q 2001
 - o \$0.25 in 3Q 2001
 - o \$0.10 in 2Q 2001
 - o \$0.05 in 1Q 2001 (excluding \$0.41 non-recurring litigation charge)
- o Guidance of \$1.15 - 1.25 per share for full-year 2002
- o Health segment loss ratio improves for 5th consecutive quarter
 - o Lowest point in more than 2 years
- o New product lines reaching markets

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AMS OVERVIEW

- o Strategies

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- o Grow individual MedOne business
- o Continue to improve small group business performance
- o Rollout new product lines
- o Grow dental business

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BUSINESSES

Revenue Contribution Changes (% of all AMS revenues)

[Bar Chart]]

2000	2001	2003 (projected)
63% Small Group	54% Small Group	46% Small Group
25% MedOne	36% MedOne	44% MedOne
9% Specialty	10% Specialty	10% Specialty

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Small Group

Small Group Medical, Dental, Life and STD
associated with group members

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SMALL GROUP COMPONENT

- o Small-employer groups, ranging in size from 2 to 50 employees
- o Average group size is 6 employees
- o Distribution through 25,000 independent agents

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SMALL GROUP COMPONENT

- o Improving performance of small group business
 - o Several quarters of aggressive rate action
 - o Premiums increasing faster than claim costs
- o Industry finally overcomes impact of Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 - o Double-digit health care inflation compounds HIPAA
 - o Medicare cost-shifting makes matters worse

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SMALL GROUP COMPONENT

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- o New group product rollout
 - o Extremely strong agent reception
 - o Employers can tailor coverage to meet their needs
- o Aggressive efforts to invigorate new member growth

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SMALL GROUP COMPONENT

- o Increase small group profitability by:
 - o Focusing on core markets
 - o Introducing new products
 - o Higher deductibles, copays, etc.

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MedOne

MedOne Medical, and Life
associated with MedOne members

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MEDONE COMPONENT

- o Product for individuals and their families
 - o No employer coverage
 - o Self-employed
 - o Temporary coverage
- o Sold through independent agents
- o Higher profit potential than small group
 - o More flexibility in underwriting and pricing
 - o Better risk selection

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MEDONE COMPONENT

- o Well-positioned in softening economy
 - o Layoffs
 - o Small employers dropping coverage
- o New MedOne product rollout
 - o Individuals have a greater stake in health care costs
 - o Elect higher deductibles and co-pays
 - o Builds on success of Affordable One
- o Improving competitive environment

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MEDONE COMPONENT

- o MedOne Revenues
 - o Up 24% in 2001 from 2000
- o MedOne Membership
 - o 45% of total 2001 membership vs. 34% in 2000

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MEDONE COMPONENT

- o Increase revenues & profitability:
 - o Expand number of agents
 - o Introduce new product
 - o Create additional regional/national distribution relationships
 - o Provide agents with power of Internet
 - o eAMS.com secured agent site
 - o Electronic quoting and enrollment

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Specialty Business

Stand-Alone Dental and Self-Funded

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SPECIALTY BUSINESS

- o Consists of:
 - o Dental business
 - o 167,000 stand-alone dental members
 - o 79,000 additional members bundled to group plans
 - o Self-funded business

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SPECIALTY BUSINESS

- o Increase Profitability by:
 - o Expanding dental business
 - o Increase sales & marketing activity
 - o New product
 - o Selectively developing self-funded business

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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EARNINGS PER SHARE (*excluding non-recurring charge)

[Line Graph]

Quarter 3 2000	\$ (0.09)
Quarter 4 2000	\$ 0.01
Quarter 1 2001	\$ 0.05*
Quarter 2 2001	\$ 0.10
Quarter 3 2001	\$ 0.25
Quarter 4 2001	\$ 0.30

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ANNUAL EARNINGS PER SHARE (*excluding non-recurring charge)

[Bar Chart]

2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Company guidance as of 2/4/02
\$0.18	\$0.70*	\$1.15 - \$1.25

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OTHER FINANCIAL DATA

	12/31/99	As Of 12/31/00	12/31/01
Book Value per Share	\$14.86	\$15.77	\$16.30
Tangible Book Value per Share	\$7.69	\$8.24	\$8.85
Debt to Total Capital Ratio	16.2%	15.7%	14.9%
Cash Flow from Operations	\$26.4	\$(3.2)	\$17.6
Capital Adequacy (RBC)	339%	389%	486% est.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

SMALL CAP VALUE

- o Investment Considerations
 - o Growing MedOne business
 - o Small group market turnaround

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- o Profitable dental business
- o Strong systems and back office
- o Low debt to total capital ratio - 14.9%
- o Book value of \$16.30 per share on 12/31/2001
 - o Tangible book value of \$8.85 per share on 12/31/2001
 - o Closing price of \$11.48 on 2/1/2002

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COBALT CORPORATION

- o 45% Shareholder
- o January 18: Files Schedule 13D with SEC
 - o Discussions with AMS regarding the repurchase of a portion of its shares at market prices
 - o Investment no longer "strategic asset"
 - o July 2001: Hired investment banker to respond to inquiries from purchasers
 - o AMS in discussions with Cobalt to resolve these issues favorably for shareholders

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- o Inability to successfully implement the Company's business plan, attain new business sales goals, retain existing customers and maintain acceptable profit margins

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- o Unexpected increases in medical costs and increased utilization of medical services and prescription drugs resulting from bioterrorism concerns or otherwise
- o Competitive practice and demand for the Company's products
- o Changes in the Company's relationship with key sales agents and the ability of the Company to expand its distribution network
- o Developments in health care reform and changes in insurance and health care regulations and other regulatory issues
- o General economic conditions affecting consumer spending and the Company's investment performance
- o Outcome of commercial and other litigation
- o Other factors referred to in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time

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