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**ALTERCARE CENTERS PARTNER WITH ABSOLUTE TO PROVIDE COVID-19
MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY INFUSIONS TO RESIDENTS**

*IV Therapeutic Bamlanivimab Administered To Skilled Nursing Center Residents
On-site Through Pharmacy, Home Health Collaboration*

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North Canton, Ohio – February 12, 2021 – Altercare skilled nursing centers are partnering with Absolute Pharmacy and Absolute Home Health to offer progressive monoclonal antibody therapy, bamlanivimab, to residents at select Altercare centers.

Thanks to a unique partnership with Absolute Pharmacy and Absolute Home Health, who, along with Altercare, are part of The Schroer Group organization (TSG), residents at Altercare centers can conveniently access the monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19 related illness.

Bamlanivimab is FDA-authorized for emergency use as treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in patients at high risk of developing severe illness requiring hospitalization. The infusion therapy is administered via IV and requires approximately one hour of staff monitoring. Due to the intensive staff requirements, the treatment is not typically available on-site at skilled nursing facilities.

Kevin Fearon R.Ph., COO of Absolute Pharmacy, says, “It’s good to have a vaccine to offer to our patients to prevent them from contracting COVID-19, but now having a prescribed treatment for positive cases will allow us to treat in-house and reduce the potential of hospitalization.”

Absolute Pharmacy, which was selected by federal entities to receive initial supplies of bamlanivimab, will manage and supply the drug and infusion supplies, including emergency drugs in case of reaction. Absolute Home Health will support the effort by providing a dedicated nurse infusion team to Altercare centers to administer the IV treatment and monitor patients

following the infusion. Altercare staff will coordinate the treatment schedule and provide additional clinical support.

“Families can rest easy knowing that if an at-risk loved one contracts COVID-19, Altercare has access to this life-saving treatment and the ability to deliver it here within the walls of our centers,” says Deanna Hatfield, Chief Nursing Officer, Altercare. “We are pleased to incorporate the infusion therapy into our COVID-19 abatement efforts, to ensure the population we serve is provided quality care in a safe environment.”

This treatment is the latest addition in Altercare’s total preparedness approach to COVID-19 management. The company also recently completed the installation of a Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI) air purification system at every Altercare center. This investment provides residents and staff with safer, cleaner air by reducing the airborne transmission of illnesses such as COVID-19, flu and other viruses.

About Altercare Integrated Health Services

Altercare Integrated Health Services is a family-owned company operating 25 nursing care and rehabilitation centers in Ohio and Michigan. Altercare centers provide a full continuum of services including post-hospital transitional care, skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, Alzheimer’s and related dementia programming and assisted living and independent living in specific locations. The objective of these caring services is to enable patients to successfully transition through a healing pathway. Altercare centers are recognized for quality care having earned bronze, silver and gold American Health Care Association awards, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 5-star ratings, and Best Nursing Home recognition from US News & World Report. Also named as one of the Best Places to Work in Northeast Ohio by NorthCoast 99 for seventeen consecutive years.