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**AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT UNVEILED AS THIRD-TIME WINNER OF
ANNUAL APEX AWARDS FOR PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE**

Brentwood, TN - July 12, 2006 - American HomePatient, an industry leader in home respiratory services and durable medical equipment, was awarded a prestigious “2006 APEX® Award” for publication excellence in the special purpose category of video and electronic publications. This is the third consecutive year, and the fourth time that American HomePatient has been an APEX award winner.

In 2005, American HomePatient brought home an APEX award of excellence in the special purpose category of video and electronic publication. In 2004, the company received two APEX awards of excellence for its website, www.ahom.com, and its 2004 products and services calendar.

Every year, Communications Concepts sponsors the APEX awards competition, turning its attention to today’s outstanding publications for professional communicators. APEX award winners are recognized for excellence in graphic design, editorial content and the success of the entry in achieving overall communications effectiveness and excellence.

“What’s most special about this year’s award is that it almost didn’t happen,” admits Lee Weinreb, director of Marketing with American HomePatient. “We had to scrap the first version of the project completely and start from scratch on an incredibly tight deadline.” Weinreb concluded, “I have to give credit to our fantastic marketing team, and especially to our Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Jim Reichmann. Jim was right there with us, providing the encouragement and support we needed to create such a spectacular piece.”

About the APEX awards: APEX 2006 — the 18th Annual Awards for Publication Excellence — is an international competition that recognizes outstanding publications for writers, editors, publications staff, and business and nonprofit communicators. It is sponsored by Communications Concepts, Inc., publishers of business communication reports, including *Writing That Works*, a monthly subscription for professional communicators, and special reports on topics such as *Writing for the WEB*.

About American HomePatient: American HomePatient, Inc. is one of the nation’s largest diversified home health care providers. Founded in 1983, the Company supplies home medical products and services through more than 270 centers across the United States. Its extensive offerings include respiratory therapies; enteral and parenteral nutritional services; mobility equipment and related medical supplies; infusion services;

respiratory diagnostic equipment; and disease intervention programs for patients in the home environment. American HomePatient's common stock is currently traded over the counter under the symbol **AHOM**.

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