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PRESS RELEASE

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS PROMOTES JESUS RUIZ TO ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF REIMBURSEMENT AND CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

ATLANTA, GA (July 11, 2011) SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE AMEX: SSY) is pleased to announce that Jesus F. Ruiz has been promoted to the position as Assistant Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. Mr. Ruiz joined SunLink in August 2001 as Director of Reimbursement and has excelled in his responsibilities to his most recent position as Director of Reimbursement and Compliance. He has been instrumental in SunLink meeting its compliance and reimbursement objectives, representing the company with state hospital associations and he has been exceptionally involved in formulating Medicaid policy with the State of Georgia. Most recently, Mr. Ruiz coordinated SunLink's six hospitals meeting the "Meaningful Use" for stage One criteria standards of the Medicare Electronic Health records incentive programs used in developing the national electronic health records. Mr. Ruiz is a licensed CPA with a Bachelor and Master's degree in accountancy from Southern Utah University.

About SunLink Health Systems, Inc.

SunLink Health Systems, Inc. currently operates six community hospitals and related nursing home and home care businesses in the Southeast and Midwest, and its specialty pharmacy business, SunLink Scripts Rx, in Louisiana and Georgia. Each SunLink hospital is the only hospital in its community. SunLink's operating strategy is to link patients' needs with dedicated physicians and health professionals to deliver quality, efficient medical care and healthcare products and services in each area it serves. For additional information on SunLink Health Systems, Inc., please visit the company's website at www.sunlinkhealth.com.

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