STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND CEO GEORGE BARRETT FORTUNE 21 CARDINAL HEALTH REGARDING FISCAL CLIFF

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DUBLIN, Ohio, Dec. 10, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The following statement can be attributed to George Barrett, Cardinal Health Chairman and CEO:

"This is a critical time for our nation. While last week's jobs data showed some encouraging signs, it is clear that consumer confidence remains fragile and the looming 'fiscal cliff' poses a serious threat to our economic recovery. We strongly believe that our leaders in Washington must come together to resolve this issue. We recognize that passions are strong and that perspectives vary, but it seems clear that getting our nation back on solid fiscal footing will require compromise on all sides. We believe that any agreement should include increased revenues and serious steps to slow our spending on entitlements – necessary to ensure that our national safety net programs are sustainable for future generations. Now is the time to act. We urge our leaders to rise above political differences and act with speed."

About Cardinal Health
Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health, Inc. (NYSE: CAH [1]) is a $108 billion health care services company [2] that improves the cost-effectiveness of health care. As the business behind health care, Cardinal Health helps pharmacies [3], hospitals [4], ambulatory surgery centers [5] and physician offices [6] focus on patient care while reducing costs, enhancing efficiency and improving quality [7]. Cardinal Health is an essential link in the health care supply chain, providing [8]

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