



Group Purchasing Statement of Activity

Premier Affiliate Program

The Detroit Medical Center can deliver national purchasing power locally through its ownership position with Premier, Inc., a strategic alliance of leading hospitals and healthcare systems, to address the diverse demands of the marketplace. The DMC is currently expanding its affiliate program in Michigan.

Premier, Inc., is one of the nation's leading Group Purchasing Organizations (GPO) in the nation, representing more than 200 owners, and the approximately 1,800 hospital and healthcare organizations they operate or with which they are affiliated. Premier maintains major offices in Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; San Diego, CA; and Washington, DC.

Contracting of supplies, pharmaceuticals, and equipment is one of the major programs Premier operates to support its owners' and affiliates' efforts to hold down healthcare costs, improve quality, and stay ahead of advances in clinical knowledge, technology, and market changes such as e-commerce. Premier's current purchasing volume of goods and services for its organizations is more than \$14 billion annually. Premier's owners and affiliates use the alliance to transfer best practices, share experience to support performance improvements, and evaluate new and emerging healthcare technologies.

Local distributors have access to contract pricing Premier negotiates with their Business Partners for supplies and services. The local distributor working with the selected Business Partners communicate changes and updates to Premier hospitals as they occur.