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**TOM MILLS TO DEPART AS AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT, INC.'S
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

FRANK POWERS JOINING AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BRENTWOOD, TN. (November 9, 2004) - American HomePatient, Inc. (OTC: AHOM.OB) today announced that Tom Mills, the Company's Chief Operating Officer, has decided to leave the Company. It is anticipated that Mr. Mills will continue his service with the Company until March 31, 2005 and will assist in the transition of his duties. At this time the Company has made no determination on a replacement for Mr. Mills.

Joseph Furlong, the Company's CEO, stated "We wish Tom well and appreciate his many years of very valuable service with American HomePatient."

Concurrently with the announcement, American HomePatient also announced the hiring of Frank Powers as Executive Vice President, with primary responsibility for sales and marketing.

Mr. Powers served as an executive officer of Matria Healthcare, Inc. from 1996 until 2002. Prior to that he was an officer of Heathdyne, Inc. or an affiliate for over 12 years, during which time he spent a significant amount of time as President of the Home Care Group that provided products and services to the home care market.

Mr. Furlong stated, "We are pleased to add Frank Powers as a member of our management team. He brings significant experience and fresh insights to American HomePatient."

American HomePatient, Inc. is one of the nation's largest home health care providers with 280 centers in 35 states. Its product and service offerings include respiratory services, infusion therapy, parenteral and enteral nutrition, and medical equipment for patients in their home. American HomePatient, Inc.'s common stock is currently traded in the over-the-counter market or, on application by broker-dealers, in the NASD's Electronic Bulletin Board under the symbol AHOM or AHOM.OB.

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