Summary: Cardinal Health Inc. Jan 11

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The ratings on Dublin, Ohio-based Cardinal Health Inc. reflect the company's satisfactory business risk profile and modest financial risk profile. Cardinal Health holds an important position as one of the three largest drug distributors, which together represent about 90% of the entire U.S. drug wholesaling sector. The company competes with AmerisourceBergen Corp. (ABC) and McKesson Corp. The industry offers good growth prospects, bolstered by favorable demographics and drug price inflation. The company's exceptional liquidity and its history of operating under a conservative financial policy support the modest financial risk profile. Cardinal Health is narrowly focused, with some customer concentration. In August 2009, Cardinal Health spun off its clinical and medical products division, CareFusion Corp. This transaction significantly reduced the diversity...

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