Summary: Cardinal Health Inc. May 06

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The rating on Dublin, Ohio-based Cardinal Health Inc. reflects the company's important position as one of the top three drug distributors in the U.S. and its strong financial condition, tempered by lower profitability under a new drug distribution model. Cardinal, with $37 billion in nonbulk pharmaceutical drug distribution revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, competes with McKesson Corp. and AmerisourceBergen Corp., which have comparable U.S. pharmaceutical distribution revenue bases of $52 billion and $49 billion, respectively, per fiscal year. These companies represent about 90% of the entire drug wholesaling sector, which, in turn, represents the vast majority of drugs distributed in the U.S. Drug distribution and other health care-related businesses enjoy solid growth prospects based on the...

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