Summary: Cardinal Health Inc. Jul 10

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Abstract
The ratings on Dublin, Ohio-based Cardinal Health Inc. reflect the company's important position as one of the three largest drug distributors, its exceptional liquidity, and its history of maintaining a modest financial risk profile. A narrow operating focus and customer concentration partially mitigate these factors. Cardinal Health competes with AmerisourceBergen Corp. (ABC) and McKesson Corp. These three companies are about 90% of the entire drug wholesaling sector, which, in turn, distributes the vast majority of drugs dispensed in the U.S. The industry offers good growth prospects, bolstered by favorable demographics and drug price inflation. In August 2009, Cardinal Health spun off its clinical and medical products division, CareFusion Corp. This transaction significantly reduced the diversity of the company's cash flows,...

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