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Norco, the nation's largest privately owned welding, safety, medical and gas supplier announces the acquisition of Freedom Medical Supply in Yakima, Washington as a strategic addition to its medical homecare business in central Washington. Norco assumes ownership on October 1, 2017.

Freedom Medical Supply is a family owned business that has operated in the Yakima Valley for 5 years. They currently serve their local customers with CPAP, respiratory, home medical and oxygen services, equipment and supplies.

According to Ned Pontious, Norco President, "We are very excited to be a part of the vibrant and growing Yakima Valley community. We look forward to the opportunity to live out our mission of 'Serving You Better' in Yakima!"

"We are excited to have Norco in place locally to provide a wider range of products, services and experience to our valued customers, many of whom have become like family to us," said Mitch Rose, Freedom Medical's Managing Owner, "Stop by and see us, we have the same staff and will continue to provide the best in competent, friendly, customer service that our customers have come to expect."

Norco, a family and employee owned business based in Boise, is one of a number of ESOP companies in Idaho. Norco lives by its mission statement "Serving You Better," with "You" referring to patients, customers, employees, vendors, and the communities Norco serves.

As the nation's largest privately owned medical, welding, safety and gas supplier, Norco currently operates more than 70 branches in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.