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**ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION**

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Craig D. Ellis, Leigh Marie Moses, Kenith W. Chambers, and Stephen E. Glover

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application MATTRESS ASSEMBLY

Date of signing of Application by each Inventor Which has been executed by the undersigned on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Application Information For which an application for a United States Patent was filed June 30, 2000  
Application Serial Number: 09/607,474

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee Hill-Rom Services, Inc.

Address of principal place of business 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 530  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Insert State of Incorporation (if applicable) or "Not Applicable" a corporation of Delaware

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) their entire right, title and interest in, to and under the Application, including all priority rights for other countries arising therefrom, all inventions therein disclosed, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries, which may be granted for such inventions, or any of them, all such inventions and all rights in such Application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by them had this assignment and sale not been made.

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Craig D. Ellis 12/15/2000  
Inventor (Signature)

Craig D. Ellis  
Inventor (Printed Name)

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Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal  
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Notary Public

Robin D. Moore  
Printed Name

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