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### Parata buys McKesson assets

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DURHAM, NC, United States (UPI) -- Parata Systems of North Carolina has agreed to buy McKesson Corp.'s automated prescription systems business unit.

The purpose of the deal, whose value was not disclosed, is to enhance the retail pharmacy market's access to the most advanced technologies for enhancing the safety and accuracy of the prescription process, Parata said Tuesday.

The two companies also will enter into a long-term strategic alliance under which McKesson will become a sales lead resource for Parata in the United States and exclusive third-party distributor in Canada and Mexico.

Upon closing, expected by July 1, McKesson will fill two of five seats on Parata's board.

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