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Home health care agency management is easier, faster and more accurate with MedShare™ HC

[GUELPH, ON, June 27, 2006] -- Home healthcare providers have a new way to effectively deliver quality care today, with the unveiling of a user-friendly, electronic home healthcare agency management system called MedShare HC.

MedShare HC is an integrated software platform specially designed for home healthcare agencies. It's built on leading-edge Microsoft® SmartClient technology, which permits continuous upgrades and enhancements without reinstalling software. With its user-friendly graphic interface, MedShare HC looks and operates much like other familiar Windows® products, such as Outlook®.

“MedShare HC lessens the burden of ever-increasing demand for documentation and reporting coming from government agencies in the healthcare field,” says Dr. John Moore, Director of MedShare’s Clinical Advisory Board. “This is accomplished by putting powerful "smart client" technology in the hands of professional health care workers and management as well as clerical personnel. This self-serve approach means healthcare workers in particular can reduce the amount of time spent on administrative tasks by using electronic media to record and view all information associated with the execution of their responsibilities.”

A big problem has been the cost and sheer magnitude of the transition – electronic record-keeping was prohibitively expensive and daunting for many agencies. But MedShare HC makes it easy and affordable by offering its services on a subscription basis. There are no large up-front technology costs, and users are not saddled with outdated technology down the road. Incremental program upgrades and revisions are continually and automatically installed each time users log on.

“The health care industry is moving toward greater and greater standardization of diagnostic categories, best practices and outcome measurements, says Moore. “This is occurring in parallel with steady progress toward agreement on a standard format for electronic health records. The underlying architecture of MedShare HC is designed to incorporate these standards as they become recommended and/or required by government agencies.”

“MedShare HC represents a significant and tangible leap forward in agency management and electronic health record technology for the home health care field,” says Barry Billings, MedShare CEO.

MedShare HC is scalable, so users can migrate to fully electronic information management in stages, at their own speed and comfort. And to ensure security, all data inputted on MedShare HC is encrypted at levels meeting that required by current Canadian and U.S. government privacy regulations.

Billings says MedShare HC's versatility will appeal to a breadth of health care professionals. Nurses can review client history, capture treatment notes and share information with their colleagues. Occupational, physical or respiratory therapists and professionals can access medical images and test results. And to better track personal support workers, MedShare's proprietary CareLink device wirelessly transmits activity reports for the services provided in each client's home. This information can then be integrated seamlessly into the system for billing and payroll purposes.

For administrators, MedShare HC is a virtual "human resources department". It helps organize and deliver payroll, billing, client intake, scheduling, human resources data, visit confirmations, management reporting and outcome measurement. Better management creates new efficiencies: more accurate budgeting and forecasting, more rational staff assignments and scheduling, better cost control and invoicing, and the ability to serve more clients.

MedShare HC positions Canadian healthcare information technology in the front of its field. "MedShare HC is working to become the recognized standard of home care agency information systems against which all others are judged. It could easily become the standard system for home health care agencies in North America," says Dr. John Moore. "It's like the ISO9001 system for home health care."

MedShare unveiled MedShare HC at a home health care function in Milton, ON, earlier this month. In the U.S., it will launch MedShare HC at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice Exposition in Baltimore, October 15-18, 2006.

MedShare is an award-winning provider of electronic agency management and e-Health Record (EHR) solutions to the North American home health care sector. MedShare's proprietary Home Care Suite -- MedShare HC -- is designed to meet the special needs of home health and community care organizations.

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