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MPCA-VirtualCHC: New Vendors, New Offerings

MPCA-VirtualCHC has had the good fortune to initiate additional business relationships with software vendors, making additional practice solutions available to Community Health Centers (CHCs) and other ambulatory care providers. These include additional choices of practice management (PM) systems and electronic health records. These include: Electronic Healthcare Systems (EHS), Medical Systems, Inc. (MSI), and Microsys Computing. Electronic Healthcare Systems' (EHS' *Care Revolution* www.ehsmed.com) is a combined PM/EHR – one of only a few that provides all of these functionalities in a single database, requiring no interfaces. EHS is based in Birmingham, Alabama.

Medical Systems, Inc. (MSI) offers *Vision:CHC* www.msi-chc.com provides a very complete, integrated package that offers a practice management (PM) system, an electronic health record (EHR), and full dental health record and imaging functionality. MSI has been providing services to CHCs for over a decade. MSI is based in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Microsys Computing offer a highly rated practice management system, *MicroMD* www.micromd.com. Its practice management system may be interfaced with a number of available electronic health records. Microsys is based in Boardman, Ohio.

All three of these vendors' systems provide comprehensive CHC functionality, including UDS reporting and sliding fee scale rule-based adjustments. All are interoperable with other functionalities, systems and sources of data. MPCA-VirtualCHC continues its arrangements with other vendors to provide a broad range of options. These



include: GE, providing GE Centricity Office PM & EHR; Companion Technologies' PM & EHR, and Dentrrix dental management/health record and imaging systems. In addition, MPCA-VirtualCHC provides hosting of a large number of additional high quality software applications, providing multiple solutions to clinical practice and management challenges. Please refer to its web site for additional information www.virtualchc.net.

All three of these offerings provide the full complement of CHC functionality for UDS reporting, sliding fee scale adjustments, etc. All are interoperable with other functionalities, systems and sources of data.

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Michigan & Maine PCAs Enter Into Service Collaboration

The Michigan www.mpca.net and Maine Primary Care Associations (PCAs) have begun to work together to provide Community Health Centers (CHCs) a comprehensive package of services including online managed hosting, training, support and consultation. The two PCAs have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the intention of working together to complement, strengthen, and expand each other's service offerings to Community Health Centers.

MPCA-VirtualCHC presently provides online managed hosting of a wide selection of software applications to CHCs throughout the country. Maine Primary Care Association www.mepca.org has established its CONNECT program which provides health information technology (HIT) certified training and support services to CHC users

of Nextgen's PM and EMR software applications www.nextgen.com. It has also developed a special licensing relationship with Nextgen for CHCs.

In addition, to CHC customized training and support of Nextgen PM & EHR, Maine's PCA provides a wide range of health information technology (HIT) consultation services.

This collaborative relationship has been entered into to provide CHCs a package services specifically designed for Community Health Center needs, provided by two state primary care associations whose experienced staff is knowledgeable of Community Health Center's unique requirements. •

MPCA-VirtualCHC Now Serves 100 CHCs

With the addition of three Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the last two months, and the growth in the use of Virtual CHC online hosting of the Patient Electronic Care System (PECS) use by the Midwest Cluster of the BPHC Health Disparities Collaborative Disease Management Program, MPCA-VirtualCHC is now delivering online software applications to over 100 CHCs.

This July, Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc. (NWMHS) and Sterling Area Health Center (SAHC) went live with Electronic Healthcare System's Care Revolution is a combined program management/Electronic health record provided by EHS of Birmingham, Alabama. In the first phase they are utilizing the practice management functionality with the electronic health record available

when they choose to proceed with Electronic records. In addition, Western Wayne Family Health Center, Inkster, Michigan has also selected EHS' Care Revolution. It is a newly-established CHC, and they plan to simultaneously implement practice management system and Electronic health record, so they will have few paper records to convert to Electronic format. Their staff members began training in August.

There has also been substantial growth in online PECS's users. MPCA-VirtualCHC is also working with the staff to the Midwest Cluster to address PECS's users reporting needs with the termination of Aristos' maintenance and support services. •

Chronic Disease Management Solution

MPCA-VirtualCHC now hosts Cielo MedSolutions' *Cielo Clinic*. *Cielo Clinic*™ delivers the software functionality that enables primary care clinics to provide high-quality, effective management for chronic diseases and preventative care. The Cielo Clinic software focuses on enabling clinicians to make better informed and timelier decisions regarding preventative care and management of chronic conditions. Built with the primary care clinician in mind, and

verified by clinicians, it offers a simple-to-use toolset that follows your natural workflow. The Cielo Clinic commercial software was originally based on software known as ClinfoTracker developed at the University Of Michigan School Of Medicine. For more information: www.cielomedolutions.net/index.htm. •



MPCA-VirtualCHC: A Unique Online Solution

MPCA-VirtualCHC, is an online managed hosting service of the Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA). Since 1999, it has combined the experience and resources of MPCA with state of the art technology to offer Community Health Centers (CHCs), other providers and networks reliable, cost-effective managed hosting of software applications to meet a wide range of clinical and management challenges. All that a CHC, provider or network need are computers, printers, LAN, Router with a firewall and access to high-speed internet and they can receive a full set of software solutions including practice management systems, electronic health records, general ledger financial packages, office productivity products such as MS Exchange, e-mail, virus & spam protection, MS Office suite,

(OLAP) custom analysis and reporting tools, web hosting, list serves, and consultation services. Some of the vendor arrangements also offer subscription pricing, reducing initial investment cost. This service is available nationwide. MPCA-VirtualCHC is designed to provide CHCs, providers and networks the health information technology services they require without the need to develop large IT departments, so that they can focus on practicing medicine rather than management. The solutions offered by MPCA-VirtualCHC www.virtualchc.net are just a phone call away: (877) 345-CHC or (517) 381-8000 x220. Just call, we will be happy to discuss what MPCA-VirtualCHC can do for you.

CCHIT Certifies First Group of EHRs

The Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT) has certified the first group of Electronic Health Records (EHRs). CCHIT certification indicates that these products have been reviewed and meet the commission's requirements for functionality, interoperability, and security. These are only the first of many being reviewed for certification. More will be added to the list as the commission continues its work. The first certified products include: Centricity® EMR 2005 v6.0 (GE); [Companion EMR v8.5](#) (Companion Technologies); eClinicalWorks v7.0 r2 (eClinicalWorks); e-MDs Solution Series 6.1 (e-MDs); EncounterPro® EHR 5.0 (JMJ Technologies); EpicCare Ambulatory EMR Spring 2006 (Epic Systems); HealthMatics Electronic Health Record 2006 (AllScripts); Horizon Ambulatory Care v9.4 (McKesson); iMedica Patient Relationship Manager 2005 v5.1 (iMedica Corporation); Integrity EHR v3.00 (Emdeon Practice Services); MEDENT 16 (Community Computer Service); Medical &

Practice Management Suite Server Client Server v5.5 r2.1 (LSS Data Systems); MISYS EMR 8.0 (MISYS Healthcare Systems); mMD Net EHR 9.0.9 (MCS-Medical Communication Systems); myNightingale Physician Workstation 5.1 (Nightingale Informatics Corporation); Nextgen EMR 5.3 (Nextgen Healthcare Information Systems); Practice Partner 9 (Practice Partner); PowerChart 2005.02 (Cerner Corporation); Praxis® Electronic Medical Records v3.4 Infor-Med Corporation; Record 2006 v3.0 (MedComSoft); Touchworks Electronic Health Record 10.1.1 (AllScripts); WebChart 4.23 (Medical Informatics Engineering). Seventeen additional vendors are being reviewed in the second round of certification. Additional information is available on the CCHIT web site <http://www.cchit.org/>. CCHIT will report on the second group of certified EHRs in late October.

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