MEDHOST Launches Healthcare Engagement Platform, Driving Collaborative Care Initiatives Across Communities

SaaS-based "YourCareCommunity" includes initial release of a patient portal for care coordination and personal health information access

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – Feb. 17, 2014 – With a focus on engaging all stakeholders in a community to deliver a true collaborative care environment, MEDHOST, Inc. today announced the launch of YourCareCommunity, a multi-solution, user-friendly healthcare platform. YourCareCommunity, which incorporates the features of a Health Information Exchange (HIE) and an Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI), is designed to connect all stakeholders in a care community, from primary care physicians and hospitals to clinics and personal caregivers of patients.

The initial application in YourCareCommunity is a patient portal, which is compliant in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. YourCareCommunity has been tested and certified as both a modular inpatient and ambulatory EHR, putting providers on the path to attestation for the 2014 Edition of Meaningful Use.

"For care to be meaningful and seamless moving forward, patient information must be available in one place, and we need to be able to connect across the care community. The patient portal in MEDHOST YourCareCommunity does just that, and the future functionality will help us further enhance how we care for patients," said Rick Frederick, director of IT for Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, N.H. "We have begun rolling out the portal to our patients and have seen great results in terms of adoption."

Unlike many portal solutions available today, YourCareCommunity's patient portal enables organizations with multiple facilities and clinics to connect all entities and seamlessly share data with external providers across the community. Also, hospitals can facilitate care referrals and more easily coordinate care transitions, which contributes to improved patient experiences and helps retain patients within the care community.

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"MEDHOST YourCareCommunity's patient portal provides hospitals with options to branch out and take care of patients holistically. This approach and the fact that the YourCareCommunity patient portal is intuitive truly benefit our patients," said Tamra Deming, BSN, clinical informaticist at Cottage Hospital. "We have begun working with community resources to leverage the solution in neighboring communities so all stakeholders can care for patients more successfully by leveraging the increased amount of information available. It's very exciting."

Like all MEDHOST solutions, YourCareCommunity is simple-to-use and features an intuitive user interface and application design that propels adoption. With one click, patients can enroll in the patient portal and begin developing their healthcare provider community, which not only increases visibility of key medical information, but also boosts patient safety because clinicians can make better informed and quicker care decisions. MEDHOST will incorporate the same ease of use in additional applications that it will add to YourCareCommunity, including MEDHOST Business Intelligence, a physician portal, a payer portal and an Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI), among others. These applications may be developed by MEDHOST or the certified YourCareCommunity development community.

"The launch of MEDHOST YourCareCommunity is a catalyst for building connected communities of care nationwide, an important aspect and principle of Healthcare Reform, but it also brings together critical components of healthcare to ensure more collaborative care environments and improved provider operations and performance," said Bill Anderson, chairman and CEO of MEDHOST. "Through a healthcare engagement platform like YourCareCommunity, providers can effectively connect with, and empower, patients beyond the care encounter. YourCareCommunity will also link providers directly with payers and physicians while providing a central point of access to the EMPI and MEDHOST Business Intelligence."

YourCareCommunity is built on prevailing industry standards, making it vendor-agnostic, and as a cloud solution, no hardware or software needs to be installed at the Customer site. A further benefit of being system-neutral is the ability to foster adoption across the entire patient care community to bring together more than just patients, but also providers, payers and others.

MEDHOST will demonstrate the YourCareCommunity patient portal and other solutions at the annual HIMSS tradeshow Feb. 24-27 in booth #747. YourCareCommunity can also be seen in the Financial Network of the Future portion of the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, located in Hall F. To schedule a demo or for more information, please email MEDHOST at marketing@medhost.com.

About MEDHOST
MEDHOST, Inc. provides market-leading enterprise, departmental and healthcare engagement solutions to more than 1,000 healthcare facilities. Our intuitive, easy-to-use and SaaS-enabled solutions are complemented by a robust suite of managed hosting, outsourcing and consulting services that are revolutionizing how clinicians and hospital leaders work and communicate, while generating notable operational, patient flow, care and revenue improvements. MEDHOST delivers unparalleled value by enabling hospitals of all types and all sizes to better manage care and the business of healthcare, as well as meet evolving regulatory requirements.

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YourCareCommunity Certification Details:
This EHR module is 2014 Edition-compliant and has been certified by an ONC-ACB in accordance with the applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This certification does not represent an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or guarantee the receipt of incentive payments. YourCareCommunity v1 was certified as a 2014 Edition Modular Inpatient EHR on Sept. 23, 2013, and its certification number is 09232013-2243-5. Modules certified include 170.314(d)(1, 5); 170.314(e)(1); and 170.314(g)(1, 4). No clinical quality measures were tested, and Secure Exchange Solutions software was used to certify. In addition, YourCareCommunity v1 was certified as a 2014 Edition Modular Ambulatory EHR on Sept. 23, 2013, and its certification number is 09232013-2244-5. Modules certified include 170.314(e)(1) and 170.314 (g)(1, 4). No clinical quality measures were tested and no additional software was used to certify. YourCareCommunity v1 was originally certified under the HMS brand and can be found on the ONC's Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) as PatientLogic YourCareCommunity.Com v1 from HMS. YourCareCommunity requires a software license fee. In addition, a one-time implementation service fee and a recurring monthly subscription fee apply. The monthly subscription fee includes MEDHOST support and standard release updates.

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