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HMS Teams with Halfpenny Technologies to Strengthen Payer-Provider Collaboration, Promoting Seamless Care Management

New partnership enhances care delivery by enabling the real-time exchange of clinical data between payers and providers

IRVING, Texas, Dec. 21, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- HMS, a leading provider of cost containment and health management solutions to the U.S. healthcare market, today announced the launch of a strategic partnership with Halfpenny Technologies, a leader in clinical data exchange and business intelligence solutions, to strengthen payer-provider coordination and promote seamless care management.

The partnership enhances the power of the HMS Essette care management platform by automating its interface with Halfpenny's interoperable technology. This enhancement creates an interconnected health network that enables payer and provider care teams to securely exchange patient data across disparate systems and external sources in real time.

"At HMS, our health management goals are to improve quality of care for plan members, reduce operational costs for payers and help our clients meet evolving coordinated-care demands," said HMS Chief Medical Officer Gary Call, M.D. "This can only be accomplished when managed care and care delivery organizations have a 360-degree view of the population, which this technology provides."

The new partnership opens unlimited integration points with a wide variety of providers, streamlining the sharing of real-time EMR data to empower the role of the "care traffic controller."

HMS' Essette clients can now take advantage of Halfpenny's secure, cloud-based Clinical Data Exchange system. The seamless integration provides a real-time data feed that enables care managers to integrate care systems among payers and providers, coordinate with third-party EMRs, and instantly access documents and images relevant to member care. It also saves care managers valuable time by eliminating the need to update the same medical record in multiple platforms.

The resulting efficiencies help bridge the healthcare information divide by coordinating the care experience, avoiding unnecessary procedures and ensuring better health outcomes.

"We're excited to partner with such a strong leader in the health management space," said Tim Kowalski, Halfpenny Technologies' president and CEO. "HMS serves most of the nation's top health plans and managed care organizations, all of which are facing complex patient care management challenges. Seamless clinical data exchange is a key step in helping these organizations overcome these challenges. We look forward to driving value across the health care continuum, enhancing the interests of payers, providers and health plan members alike."

Partnership benefits are available to HMS' clients and prospective clients immediately.

About HMS
HMS is a leading provider of cost containment solutions to the U.S. healthcare market. Our solutions improve financial and health outcomes for organizations at risk. Using innovative technology and powerful data analytics, we help clients reduce costs, increase quality, and achieve regulatory compliance. As a result of our services, clients save billions of dollars annually. Visit us at www.hms.com or follow us on Twitter at @HMSHealthcare.

About Halfpenny Technologies
Halfpenny Technologies is a leading provider of healthcare interoperability solutions enabling meaningful clinical data exchange. Our cloud-based, fully-managed solutions provide hospitals, labs, health plans, pharmacies, and HIEs with a secure, vendor-neutral infrastructure that supports care coordination, care management, regulatory requirements and data analysis within and between healthcare organizations. To learn more, visit www.halfpenny.com.

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