



SCCIPA Expands Use of the Health Access Solutions Multidisciplinary Care Coordination Platform

Integrated solution to accelerate progress towards the patient-centered medical home and support the Individual Practice Association's goal of becoming a Tier 3 Accountable Care Organization

FOSTER CITY, Calif. – July 22, 2010 – Health Access Solutions, offering a multidisciplinary care coordination platform, today announced that the Individual Practice Association Medical Group of Santa Clara County, Inc. (SCCIPA) will significantly expand its use of Health Access Solutions applications. The extended solution enables emerging patient-centric models such as medical homes and accountable care initiatives.

SCCIPA has relied upon the firm's Access Express™ utilization and care management product for 10 years, and will upgrade to version 5.0, which incorporates the clinical and chronic disease management functionality of the proven Excelicare™ platform. Excelicare, developed by Health Access Solutions' strategic partner AxSys Technology, has been in production across the UK for more than a decade, supporting the National Health Service's (NHS) management of chronic patients. In 2005, Excelicare was chosen as the National Generic Clinical System for the NHS in Scotland.

SCCIPA, representing a network of more than 800 physicians and eight community hospitals, elected to implement Access Express 5.0 to support its goal of becoming a Tier 3 Accountable Care Organization. The move will likewise help physicians qualify for stimulus funding, enabling them to demonstrate meaningful use of interoperable EHR technology as defined under the HITECH Act.

Among the primary reasons SCCIPA decided to pursue the upgrade, notes J. Kersten Kraft, MD, President of SCCIPA, is the proven track record of its inherent components. "The clinical care management components are demonstrating real results for healthcare organizations in the U.K., for instance," he says. "It already has delivered on the promise of 'meaningful use,' and has measurably improved patient care and outcomes."

"The implementation of Access Express 5.0 completes the clinical integration foundation we require for the continuous improvement of quality, cost and patient access to care, cornerstone goals of the medical home and ACO delivery models," he adds.

Health Access Solutions is likewise pleased to expand its partnership with SCCIPA, adds Randall Frakes, CEO of Health Access Solutions. "SCCIPA is one of the most highly regarded IPAs in California and consistently assumes a leadership position in initiatives to enhance care while managing costs wisely. We are confident the upgrade to Access Express 5.0, with its tight integration of clinical and care management functions, will support and accelerate SCCIPA's efforts."



The integrated Health Access Solutions care coordination platform enables physician organizations, hospitals, health systems, health plans and patients to connect and collaborate effectively. This approach consequently delivers tangible results including reduced readmissions, lower cost of care for patients through chronic disease management and preventive care, elimination of duplicate tests, and auto-adjudication of referrals and authorizations.

ABOUT HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS

Founded in 2000, Health Access Solutions delivers coordinated care management IT solutions to healthcare provider organizations and payers. Today the California-based company empowers hospital and physician organizations to achieve multidisciplinary care coordination for the management and improvement of chronic and acute episodes of care across the continuum. With its strategic partners, Health Access Solutions provides clinical and care management solutions to 31,000 providers and over 110 hospitals that collectively serve more than eight million patients and health plan members throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.K. The company's integrated care coordination platform was designed from its inception to support patient-centric care collaboration models, such as the medical home and Accountable Care Organization. Marketed under the Access Express™ and Excelicare™ Care Management brands, the Web-based platform offers utilization management, case management, disease management, referral and authorization management, quality reporting and population analytics, personal health record and a multidisciplinary, contextual Electronic Health Record (EHR) capable of delivering timely evidence-based clinical pathways with gaps-in-care alerts and clinical reminders. Through standards-based interfaces, Health Access Solutions leverages existing investments in health information technology across the enterprise and community allowing for the extension of legacy technology investments. For more information, visit www.healthaccesssolutions.com.

ABOUT SCCIPA

With its roots in the heart of the Silicon Valley, the Individual Practice Association Medical Group of Santa Clara County Inc., (SCCIPA) represents a network of more than 800 physicians and eight community hospitals. SCCIPA cares for more than 65,000 health plan members who can choose from 280 primary care physicians (family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics) and more than 550 specialists. SCCIPA operates like a clinic without walls, linking patients and health plans with an established network of physicians, hospitals, lab, x-ray, physical therapy and other providers.

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