

3M Completes Merger of Its Health Information Systems Division With SoftMed Systems Inc.

3M announced today it has completed the merger of its Health Information Systems division with SoftMed Systems Inc., a provider of health information management software and services that improve workflow and efficiency for health care organizations.

This merger expands 3M Health Information Systems' business from its core of advanced reimbursement, compliance, and quality management software tools and services provided to more than 5,000 health care organizations worldwide. As health care providers face increasing pressure to control costs while enhancing the quality of care, they require more efficient information management. SoftMed Systems brings to 3M solutions that enable hospitals to create an electronic medical record using templates, voice dictation, speech recognition, electronic signature, document scanning and interfaces to other vendor products.

SoftMed Systems will remain in Silver Spring, Md.

About 3M Health Information Systems

3M Health Information Systems, part of the 3M Health Care family, is a leading provider of advanced software tools and services that help health care organizations capture, classify and manage accurate health care data. Built on a foundation of more than 20 years of clinical, financial and administrative expertise, 3M Health Information Systems' products help ensure the quality of data, which drives an organization's ability to manage revenue, comply with regulations, improve quality of patient care and manage resources effectively. 3M Health Care, one of 3M's six major business segments, provides world-class innovative products and services to help health care professionals improve the practice and delivery of patient care. More information about 3M Health Information Systems is available at www.3Mhis.com and by calling 800-367-2447.

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