3M Introduces Computer-Assisted Coding Solution for Small Rural and Community Hospitals

3M Health Information Systems is expanding its portfolio of market-leading coding products to introduce the 3M CAC System for Small Hospitals, a simple to install and easy-to-use computer-assisted coding (CAC) solution designed exclusively for small rural and community-based hospitals. The new web-based software reduces time-consuming chart review and helps coders identify missing information in physician documentation, making it possible to expedite the coding process without compromising accuracy and compliance. Small hospitals can immediately take advantage of the software to prepare for the new ICD-10 national coding standard.

The 3M CAC System for Small Hospitals dramatically reduces the need for interfaces to electronic documentation sources, benefiting small facilities without extensive IT resources. It seamlessly integrates with the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System to capture the patient chart as soon as it is ready for coding, and leverages 3M natural language processing (NLP) to assign accurate codes for human review or to go directly to billing.

"We knew our coders needed automated tools to prepare for ICD-10, but as a regional medical center in rural Kentucky, we don't always have the budget or resources to capitalize on the latest technology," said Scott Arndell, Chief Financial Officer, Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center. "Very few software applications are designed for small hospitals, so we jumped at the chance to be an 'Alpha' site for 3M's new software. Our coders expected implementation and testing would take some time. They were amazed when the software was installed one morning and they were using it to fully code that afternoon." Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center is a 75-bed hospital that serves communities in southcentral Kentucky from its main campus in Leitchfield, Grayson County.

Full product release of the 3M CAC System for Small Hospitals is planned for 4th Quarter 2013. Hospital leaders attending the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) Annual National Institute (ANI), June 16-19 in Orlando, can learn more by visiting the 3M Health Information System's booth, #1101 on the exhibit floor.

3M CAC System for Small Hospitals builds on three decades of 3M experience in developing the industry's most accurate and compliant coding and classification systems. The software is an add-on module to the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System, which is used in more than 5,000 healthcare settings worldwide by health information management departments to code and group patient data for decision support, quality measurement, and reimbursement.

Visit www.3Mhis.com or call 800-367-2447 for more information about 3M CAC System for Small Hospitals and the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System.

About 3M Health Information Systems

Best known for its market-leading coding system and ICD-10 expertise, 3M Health Information Systems delivers innovative software and consulting services designed to raise the bar for clinical documentation improvement, computer-assisted coding, performance monitoring, and quality outcomes reporting. 3M's robust healthcare data dictionary and terminology services support data interoperability and the expansion and accuracy of the electronic health record. With nearly 30 years of healthcare industry experience and the know-how of more than 100 credentialed 3M coding experts, 3M is the go-to choice for more than 5,000 hospitals worldwide that want to improve quality and financial performance. For more information, call 800-367-2447, visit www.3Mhis.com, or follow on Twitter @3MHISNews.

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