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MedQuist launches solution for Automated Emergency Room Coding

Mount Laurel, NJ, April 26, 2006 -- (Pink Sheets: MEDQ) Today's Emergency Departments (EDs) are sophisticated, fast-paced and high-tech. While these EDs provide patients with the highest level of care, often the caregivers in these high-tech environments have to rely on antiquated IT systems that cause unnecessary expense and a workflow that is less than optimal. That's why MedQuist developed the DocQment Code ED Plus™ solution – which uses proven MedQuist products and services in an integrated solution, at an affordable “per encounter” price.

“DocQment Code ED Plus is an innovative, solution that helps EDs work faster, provide better patient care and reduce costs at the same time,” says Scott Bennett, MedQuist's senior vice president of Sales and Marketing. “It also allows a busy ED staff to easily document the electronic notes they need to populate the facility's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) in order to expedite their billing.”

DocQment Code ED Plus provides today's mobile ED caregiver with a highly functional, PDA-based dictation tool that allows physicians or other caregivers to dictate reports at the point of care delivery. This solution can also access the hospital's registration system to obtain necessary patient demographic data for reporting and coding purposes. Customers can also add state-of-the-art transcription software that features integrated speech recognition capabilities and outsourcing editing services. To efficiently complete the charting process, DocQment Code ED Plus includes an intuitive Web-based electronic signature component. With this solution, reports are distributed directly to the appropriate hospital systems and/or the EMR. Remote coding technology is also available, along with Natural Language Processing (NLP) capabilities, that provide suggested codes for the coders to consider, improving both their quality and productivity.

“As the leading supplier of clinical documentation workflow solutions for hospitals, MedQuist is uniquely positioned to assist hospitals to meet the complex and changing Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) initiatives,” adds Bennett. “The DocQment Code ED Plus solution allows hospitals to implement their strategies with little or no capital costs, without the risk of technology obsolescence, but with all the advantages of industry experts to help them along the way.”

MedQuist, a member of the Philips Group of Companies, is the leading provider of clinical document workflow solutions. MedQuist provides secure document workflow management, digital dictation, speech recognition, mobile dictation devices, Web-based transcription, electronic signature, medical coding products and outsourcing services.

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