University of California Uses Technology to Tackle Rising Healthcare Costs
California's 2nd Largest Employer Selects CompassCare's Clinical Information System.

CHICAGO, IL— January 24, 2006— The University of California's (UC's) Office of the President selects CompassCare's Clinical Information System, which will be provided to its occupational health clinics on a system wide basis. CompassCare provides software to manage healthcare information and delivery.

"A top priority for UC is to ensure that all employees have access to quality healthcare when they need it. Technological innovation helps us advance the delivery of care while stemming the tide of rising costs," says Dan Nicholson, Workers' Compensation Manager, UC Office of the President.

The State of California has seen workers' compensation (WC) costs more than triple from 1995 to 2003. Total medical treatment costs are estimated to be 50 to 100 percent higher in WC than treatments paid for by private health insurance. Although medical costs have decreased with recent reforms, the overall cost of workers' compensation in California remains significantly higher than in other states.

"As the 2nd largest employer in California with more than 175,000 faculty and staff, it is important that we take proactive measures to ensure our people's access to high quality care," says Nicholson. "CompassCare enhances our ability to monitor and measure performance system wide, increasing our visibility into the entire care process. It will help us standardize clinical documentation electronically, capture information on a real-time basis, transmit appropriate levels of information to the correct parties (e.g., claims administrator), and automate clinical and operational functions using a rules-based engine."

UC comprises 10 campuses and 5 medical centers. The Office of the President is responsible for UC's system wide activities and programs including the coordination of all workers' compensation claims made throughout the UC system. The CompassCare system will be used by UC to link together its Occupational Health clinics on a common, electronic platform, creating seamless networking and information flow.

The CompassCare clinical information system integrates practice management, EMR, billing and communication processes on top of a rules engine driven architecture – all accessible from a secure, HIPPA compliant, web-interface.

"Effectively managing the delivery of Occupational Healthcare services is paramount for employers like the University of California who serve a broad patient community. We designed CompassCare with the intent of improving the delivery of care on a massive scale. This is being validated at UC as it is with several other hospital systems that use our software," said Rick Valentine, CEO of CompassCare Inc.

"The CompassCare system helps hospitals reduce the costs associated with processing claims, ensure compliance with regulations, eliminate redundant data entry, manage the delivery of care, and improve communication flow between key stakeholders such as the healthcare provider, the employer and the insurer, all to ensure the injured worker gets the required treatment quickly and efficiently," says Valentine.

UC represents Chicago-area CompassCare's 3rd customer in California, others include Dameron Hospital in Stockton, CA and Sutter Health based in Sacramento, CA.

About University of California

UC's ten campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San

Francisco, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara. The UC's 5 medical centers and 10 health centers comprise one of the largest health care systems in the state, and one of the most respected in the country. Each year the University provides care to more than 135,000 inpatients, 239,000 emergency room visitors and more than 3.6 million outpatients. In 2004, the UCLA and UCSF medical centers were ranked fifth and sixth, respectively, in the entire by U.S. News and World Report.

About CompassCare

CompassCare Inc. provides occupational healthcare stakeholders (employers, care providers, and TPA/ case managers) an integrated management system that connects all parties together in "real-time" via the Internet. It provides instant access to HIPAA-compliant information on an injured worker so all parties have the tools they need to manage the information and activity associated with workers' compensation. The result is improved quality of care and better financial and operations management.   With more than 25 million electronic medical (patient) records accurately processed to date, CompassCare is one of the leading suppliers of healthcare information technology. The following are copyrights of CompassCare: CompassCare, MedTRAK, FasTRAK, ClaimTRAK, CaseTRAK, For more information please visit: www.compass-care.com*.*

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