



Pulse Achieves DirectTrust HISP Accreditation

Successful Accreditation Ensures Compliance with DirectTrust HISP Policy Requirements and Interoperability with Conforming HISPs

Kansas City, MO (May 8, 2018) – [Pulse Systems, Inc.](#), a Revenue Cycle Management (“RCM”) company with advanced medical billing services and technologies, today announced it has achieved full accreditation through the DirectTrust Accreditation Program for Health Information Service Providers (HISPs), strengthening its compliance with industry-recognized standards for healthcare data security and regulatory measures.

DirectTrust is a healthcare industry alliance created by and for participants in the Direct exchange network used for secure, interoperable messaging of personal health information (PHI) between provider organizations, and between provider and patients, for the purpose of improved coordination of care.

Pulse’s HISP software services were audited against a series of technical, physical and operational criteria and found to be fully compliant with the Direct Project standards and the requirements of the DirectTrust Security and Trust framework.

“DirectTrust HISP accreditation certifies that an organization has established and upheld a superior level of trust for its stakeholders, which is a significant distinction. Kudos to Pulse’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards in privacy, security and confidentiality,” said DirectTrust President and CEO, David C. Kibbe, MD, MBA.

“Pulse is proud to have received the DirectTrust HISP Accreditation, which ensures the secure and interoperable exchange of healthcare information with our clients and their patients,” said Chris Walls, President and CEO of Pulse. “This achievement demonstrates that Pulse is a trusted organization dedicated to helping physicians deliver enhanced patient care and experience through secure electronic exchange of healthcare data.”

Pulse provides physician practices with certified Quality Reporting and helps them meet compliance requirements and report Quality and Meaningful Use data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”). Pulse is a recognized leader in healthcare automation and the preferred choice by physicians to help operate and manage their practices more profitably and efficiently.



About DirectTrust Accreditation Program for Health Information Service Providers

The Accreditation Program recognizes excellence in health data processing and transactions, and ensures compliance with industry-established standards, HIPAA regulations and the Direct Project. Launched in March 2010 as a part of the Nationwide Health Information Network, the Direct Project was created to specify a simple, secure, scalable, standards-based way for participants to send authenticated, encrypted health information directly to known, trusted recipients over the Internet.

DirectTrust participating organizations are evaluated in the areas of privacy, security and confidentiality; technical performance; business practices and organizational resources as they relate to Directed exchange participants. Additionally, their process of managing and transferring protected health information is assessed, and determined to meet or exceed all DirectTrust criteria and industry standards. Successful Accreditation Program completion demonstrates organizations' adherence to strict standards and participation in the comprehensive, objective evaluation of their business.

About DirectTrust

DirectTrust is a six-year old, non-profit, vendor neutral, self-regulatory entity initially created by and for participants in the Direct community, including Health Internet Service Providers (HISPs), Certificate Authorities (CAs), Registration Authorities (RAs), doctors, patients and vendors, and supports both provider-to-provider as well as patient-to-provider Direct exchange. In the period 2013 to 2015, DirectTrust was the recipient of a Cooperative Agreement Award from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) as part of the Exemplar HIE Governance Program. DirectTrust serves as a forum and governance body for persons and entities engaged in the Direct exchange of electronic health information as part of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN). DirectTrust's Security and Trust Framework is the basis for the voluntary accreditation of service providers implementing Direct health information exchange. The goal of DirectTrust is to develop, promote, and, as necessary, help enforce the rules and best practices necessary to maintain security and trust within the Direct community, consistent with the HITECH Act and the governance rules for the NwHIN established by ONC. DirectTrust is committed to fostering widespread public confidence in the interoperable exchange of health information. To learn more, visit www.directtrust.org.

About Pulse

Pulse is a Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) company with advanced medical billing services and technologies that help physicians get paid, simplify work and improve the delivery of patient services. Pulse is recognized as a leading provider of SaaS and mobile solutions including integrated Electronic Health Records (EHR), Practice Management (PM), population health, electronic prescription, medical billing clearinghouse, patient engagement, and payment technologies to physicians, medical



service providers and patients. Thousands of providers across over 40 specialties use Pulse to ensure they achieve the best possible financial and clinical outcomes.

Pulse is part of the Cegedim Healthcare Software division, owned and operated by Cegedim, a global healthcare technology company. To learn more or to request a demonstration of Pulse's solutions, please visit us at www.pulseinc.com or call 800.444.0882.

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