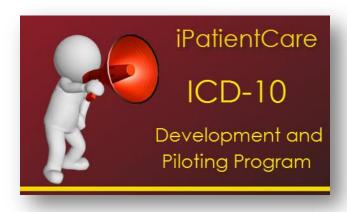# iPatientCare EHR and Practice Management Stay the Course and Commits to Its ICD-10 Development and Piloting Program

iPatientCare Announced today Continuing with ICD-10 Implementation and Training Effort Despite A Year's Delay

iPatientCare, Inc., a pioneer in mHealth and cloud based ambulatory EHR, Integrated Practice Management and Patient Portal Solutions announced today its commitment to staying the course of developing and implementing the "ICD-10 ready" iPatientCare EHR by moving forward with the scheduled eLearning Series and piloting the ICD-10 ready version of iPatientCare EHR and integrated Practice Management System.

Last week, the health care community discovered an important and little-known provision tucked into the bill that would delay ICD-10 implementation until October 2015, despite decries from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that there would be no further delays. ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims. The transition addresses the need for new and expanded codes which are not present in the outdated ICD-9 version.

The delay will ease the burden on physicians who have been fighting the clock to get implementation efforts in the practice. Even with 18 months rather than six to prepare, some offices may still lag behind the initial 20-month preparation window recommended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in its ICD-10 Timeline for Small-Medium Practices.

"We believe the delay of the October 1, 2014, ICD-10 deadline was a welcome reprieve to those private practices struggling with migration tasks. We remain committed to our ICD-10 development schedule, releasing features that will guide our customers through their practice implementation process and enabling their participation in testing cycles with insurance carriers, as they become ready. Our dual coding feature enables our clients to handle day-to-day activities in ICD-9, yet easily conduct carrier tests in ICD-10. This vote by Congress does not change our timeline or strategy, it simply enables the iPatientCare platform to be further tested and enhanced," added Arnaz Bharucha, Senior Technology Officer, iPatientCare.

"We have been disseminating knowledge for ICD-10 almost exclusively over the past several months in order to meet the increase in demand. The move to ICD-10 is inevitable; we believe now is not the time to tap the brakes, training is as important as ever. We will continue our efforts to prepare providers for the conversion," said Udayan Mandavia, President/CEO, iPatientCare.

About iPatientCare:

iPatientCare, Inc. is a privately held medical informatics company based at Woodbridge, New Jersey. The company is known for its pioneering contribution to mHealth and Cloud based unified product suite that include Electronic Health/Medical Record and integrated Practice Management/Billing System, Patient Portal/PHR, Health Information Exchange (HIE), and mobile point-of-care solutions that serve the ambulatory, acute/sub acute, emergency and home health market segments.

iPatientCare EHR 2014 (2.0) has received 2014 Edition Ambulatory Complete EHR certification by ICSA Labs, an Office of the National Coordinator-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB), in accordance with the applicable eligible professional certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Full certification details can be found at **ONC Certified Health IT Product List.**

The ONC 2014 Edition criteria support both Stage 1 and 2 Meaningful Use measures required to qualify eligible providers and hospitals for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The company has won numerous awards for its EHR technology and is recognized as an innovator in the field, being a pioneer to offer an EHR technology on a handheld device, an innovative First Responder technology to the US Army for its Theatre Medical Information System, the first to offer a Cloud based EHR product. iPatientCare is recognized as one of the best EHR and Integrated PM System for small and medium sized physicians' offices; has been awarded most number of industry Awards; and has been recognized as a preferred/MU partner by numerous Regional Extension Centers (REC), hospitals/health systems, and academies.

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