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# Orion Health and Health Language Join Forces to Utilize Standardized Terminology Across HIEs to Improve Communication and Patient Safety

(PR Web Via Acquire Media NewsEdge) Santa Monica, California (Vocus/PRWEB) February 03, 2011 Orion Health, Inc., global leaders in Health Information Exchange (HIE) solutions and Health Language, Inc., (HLI), the global leader in medical terminology management, announced today that they have joined forces to deliver a new level of patient safety, physician communication and collaboration, clinical decision support and operational efficiency through Orion Health's HIE solution. Embedding HLI's Language Engine (LE) in the Orion Health™ Health Information Exchange (HIE) enables seamless data exchange by mapping data from disparate systems to standardized terminologies. This ensures that all the various terms and synonyms that physicians and other clinicians use to describe the same condition are linked, which facilitates effective, accurate and efficient communication, documentation and analytics throughout the care delivery cycle.

The two companies previously partnered on the very successful statewide implementation of Maine's HealthInfoNet, the largest HIE in the U.S. According to Health Language CEO George Schwend, "Based on our extremely positive experience in Maine, we are looking forward to a much broader, ongoing partnership with Orion Health. Because both companies have extensive, wide-ranging deployments worldwide, we can now leverage our combined knowledge, insights and expertise to meet the diverse and evolving needs for healthcare data exchange. We are excited that we can help transform healthcare delivery by improving clinical outcomes, streamlining business processes, fostering innovation, and optimizing financial performance to develop a more sustainable business model." Health Language's LE provides access to current versions of more than 100 clinical and administrative code sets, including SNOMED, the most comprehensive clinical terminology in existence today. It also provides tools to map proprietary local content into standardized medical terminologies. This allows physicians and nurses to continue using the terms and codes they prefer, while aligning the captured data to a reference standard and integrating updates to those standards with local modifications.

Paul Viskovich, Orion Health President of North America says, "Health Language has distinguished itself as a global leader that supports HIEs. Our HIE solution will gain a clear market advantage by leveraging the Language Engine's ability to integrate and manage the latest medical terminologies. It will also strengthen the interoperable use of accurate medical data, support

HIPAA compliance, and improve the completeness and accuracy of information.”The Language Engine automates the incorporation of standard medical terminology into Orion Health’s HIE. Additionally, the LE integrates local, proprietary, and legacy data with accepted code sets, providing a single environment for managing all of an organization's medical vocabularies. The LE also provides security, data integrity, and version control.

About Orion Health Information Exchange Solution Orion Health™ Health Information Exchange (HIE) solution provides a platform for exchanging patient information between organizations and across regions to enable a shared view of the patient records and provides a foundation for community care and disease management solutions. The HIE offers a collection of components featuring an integration engine, enterprise master patient index (EMPI), physician and patient portals, data repository, customizable notifications, provider index, and analytical and quality reporting tools. The application helps physicians manage disease programs by automatically coordinating care tasks between multiple healthcare providers, and enabling clinicians to set up plans of care that are consistent with "best-practice" guidelines. With over 15 years of experience and more customers across the globe than any other vendor in this market, Orion Health is the leader in HIE solutions. For more information please see <http://www.orionhealth.com/solutions/healthcare-organizations/health-information-exchange>.

About Health Language Denver-based Health Language, Inc. (HLI) develops and delivers state-of-the-art software solutions that automatically incorporate medical vocabulary and coding standards into healthcare information technology (HCIT) applications. HLI’s Language Engine (LE) allows centralized access to medical terminology standards and generates mappings to create a common pool of standardized codes and concepts that enhance patient safety, facilitate clinical outcomes analysis and accelerate reimbursement. It also provides standards for modeling, storing, updating and distributing information consistently for interoperability between hospitals, regions and countries. For more information, visit <http://www.healthlanguage.com> or call 720-940-2900.

About Orion Health Inc.

Orion Health™ is a leading Health Information Exchange (HIE) solution provider with expertise in clinical workflow and integration technology for the healthcare sector. Orion Health’s easy-to-use solutions and applications improve patient care and clinical decision making by enabling the exchange of healthcare information among disparate systems and providing integrated health data in a single, unified view. By extending existing healthcare information systems, the Orion Health™ Rhapsody Integration Engine and workflow solutions provide healthcare workers with easy access to patient data and trends, and reduce errors and omissions by streamlining information transfer.

Worldwide, Orion Health has deployed health information communities involving over 35 million patients with hundreds of thousands of active clinical users including Maine’s HealthInfoNet, Alberta Health Services and Spain’s IB Salut. Orion Health’s partners include leading health system

integrators and IT vendors such as Accenture, Allscripts, IBM, Oracle, Philips and others. Orion Health has more than 1,000 clients around the world, including Lahey Clinic, UCLA Medical Center, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Spain's IB Salut, South Eastern Norwegian Regional Health Authority, New Zealand Ministry of Health. Orion Health is a preferred Canada Health Infoway Solution. More information can be found at <http://www.orionhealth.com>.

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