

CareAnyware, Inc. Releases P4P Outcomes Dashboard and CLEAR Edits to Help Home Health Agencies Improve Performance

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To help home health agency clients enhance performance in the Medicare P4P (Pay for Performance) demonstration program, CareAnyware, Inc. has released P4P Outcomes Dashboard and automated CLEAR Edits™ (Clinical Logic Edits and Rules). As part of the company's web-based and mobile home health management system, the solution uses real-time clinical data to give agencies snapshot views of operations and detailed insight into individual patient status.

Even though questions remain about how the P4P program will eventually be structured for the home care industry, it's not too soon for providers to get ready for implementation. "I think clients in the industry have an opportunity now from an operations standpoint to spend time preparing, so they can do well under this program," says Kathy Dodd, Chairman and CEO of The Corridor Group. The Corridor Group is an industry-leading consulting firm that works with some of the largest home care and hospice organizations in the country.

With tools like CareAnyware's P4P Outcomes Dashboard and automated CLEAR Edits, Dodd says, providers can benchmark internally to determine how effectively they're managing case loads and decreasing the number of patients who are re-admitted or sent to the emergency room. "With our solution", says Richard Guerin, CEO, CareAnyware, "agencies can embed quality into their processes instead of having to go back and fix things later."

Currently, two of the most heavily weighted performance measures in the P4P demonstration program are the incidence of acute care hospitalization and emergent care. Because approximately 31 percent of re-hospitalizations occur within the first two weeks of being admitted to home care, anything home health agencies do in that early period to identify risks and develop successful home treatments can significantly improve outcomes.

"Unfortunately, many tools available today are limited by the OASIS data set", Guerin says. With CareAnyware's P4P Outcomes Dashboard, agencies can leverage a more robust data set to identify various factors that impact a patient's risk of hospitalization, such as the risk of falling or the potential for an adverse event. Providers also receive alerts at the point of care, to help them recognize early warning signs and proactively avoid problems. Now that's a way to position for payback from P4P.

About CareAnyware, Inc.

CareAnyware, Inc. develops and manages mobile and web-based applications for home health and hospice providers. Its comprehensive solution can help increase efficiency and improve outcomes in all aspects of home care operations by streamlining tasks related to data entry, payment data, billing and reporting, and information exchange. Unlike traditional home care software implementation models, CareAnyware's easy-

to-learn, web-based product is offered as a monthly service. The solution has been proven to dramatically reduce the time and resources required for implementation.

CareAnyware is a privately held company based in the Research Triangle Park region of North Carolina. For more information about our web-based solution, please visit the web site at <http://www.careanyware.com> or contact Gene Gallogly, VP of Sales, at (919) 678-0222 x206.

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