
Paris, October 14, 2010 – Pulse Systems, Inc., a Cegedim Group company based in the US, announced today that 2011 Pulse Complete EHR, Version 2011, is 2011/2012 compliant and was certified as a Complete EHR on September 30, 2010 with the unique identifier number CC-1112-946110-1 by the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®), an ONC-ATCB, in accordance with the applicable eligible provider certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The 2011/2012 criteria support the Stage 1 meaningful use measures required to qualify eligible providers and hospitals for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“I am confident our clients will be at the front of the line when the incentive payments begin in April 2011—the first of five payments totaling up to $44,000. This is because our EHR product is in the first group to receive this landmark certification. This mirrors our industry-leading accomplishment in being the first to receive the full comprehensive CCHIT 2011 certification in December of 2009,” said Basil Hourani, President and CEO of Pulse Systems.

“We built our EHR software with the capability to be used in a meaningful way to help our clients provide more efficient patient care before that concept was even legislated,” he said. “This foresight is the primary reason that we were able to receive certification so promptly.”

The ONC-ATCB 2011/2012 certification program tests and certifies that Complete EHRs meet all of the 2011/2012 criteria approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for eligible providers.

“CCHIT is pleased to be testing and certifying products so that companies are now able to offer these products to providers who wish to purchase and implement certified EHR technology and achieve meaningful use in time for the 2011-2012 incentives,” said Karen M. Bell, M.D., M.S.S., Chair, CCHIT.

2011/2012 certification conferred by CCHIT does not represent an endorsement of the certified EHR technology by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services nor does it guarantee the receipt of incentive payments.

The clinical quality measures to which 2011 Pulse Complete EHR has been certified includes: NQF 0421, NQF 0013, NQF 0028, NQF 0041, NQF 0024, NQF 0038, NQF 0031, NQF 34, NQF 0032

2011 Pulse Complete EHR version 2011 is also certified in CCHIT’s separate and independently developed certification program. 2011 Pulse Complete EHR version 2011 is a CCHIT Certified® 2011 Ambulatory EHR, additionally certified for Child Health. Pulse Systems has certified its EHR technology in both programs to provide greater assurance to its customers.

About Pulse Systems, Inc:

Pulse offers Electronic Health Records (EHR), Practice Management, ePrescribing and Revenue Cycle Management (Billing Services) used nationwide in more than 26 medical specialties. Pulse Practice Management and EHR products have both earned five star ratings from AC Group. Since 1982 Pulse has developed, marketed and supported healthcare practice workflow solutions that are easier to purchase, implement, learn, utilize and upgrade. This focus on making things easier for clients is the key to a remarkable 95% client renewal rate. Pulse is a part of Cegedim Healthcare Software (CHS), a division of $1.1 billion global healthcare technology company Cegedim Group.

For more information, please visit www.pulseinc.com
About Cegedim: Founded in 1969, Cegedim is a global technology and services company specializing in the healthcare field. Cegedim supplies services, technological tools, specialized software, data flow management services and databases. Its offerings are targeted notably at healthcare industries, life sciences companies, healthcare professionals and insurance companies. The world leader in life sciences CRM, Cegedim is also one of the leading suppliers of strategic healthcare industry data. Cegedim employs 8,600 people in more than 80 countries and generated revenue of €874 million in 2009. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM).
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About CCHIT: The Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®) is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the public mission of accelerating the adoption of robust, interoperable health information technology. The Commission has been certifying electronic health record technology since 2006 and is approved by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB). More information on CCHIT, CCHIT Certified® products and ONC-ATCB certified electronic health record technology is available at http://cchit.org

About ONC-ATCB 2011 / 2012 certification: The ONC-ATCB 2011/2012 certification program tests and certifies that EHR technology is capable of meeting the 2011/2012 criteria approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). The certifications include Complete EHRs, which meet all of the 2011/2012 criteria for either eligible provider or hospital technology and EHR Modules, which meet one or more – but not all – of the criteria. ONC-ATCB certification aligns with Health Information Technology: Initial Set of Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology published in the Federal Register in July 2010 and strictly adheres to the test procedures published by the National Institute of Standards (NIST) at the time of testing. ONC-ATCB 2011/2012 certification conferred by the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®) does not represent an endorsement of the certified EHR technology by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services nor does it guarantee the receipt of incentive payments.

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