

Global eSolutions Group announces OnDemandCARE-Clinical is now CCHIT Certified

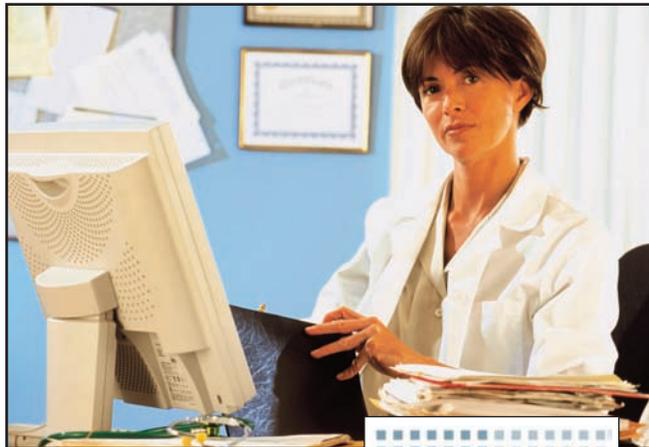
Global eSolutions Group has announced that its *OnDemandCARE* SaaS offering is now CCHIT Certified. *OnDemandCare-Clinical* incorporates WorldVista EHR VOE/1.0 which meets ambulatory CCHIT certification requirements.

This certification enables GEG's *OnDemandCARE* to meet federal requirements that any government agency (state, rural hospital association, etc.) using federal funds to purchase an EMR solution must select from a CCHIT certified product.

"CCHIT gives our customers the comfort that our software is the finest they can ask for in a clinical environment," said Brian Lord, CEO of Global eSolutions Group.

CCHIT (Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology) is a recognized certification body (RCB) for electronic health records and their networks, and an independent, voluntary, private-sector initiative. Their mission is to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating an efficient, credible and sustainable product certification program. The Certification Commission for Health Information Technology has released the names of several vendors whose electronic health-record systems passed the fourth and final round of testing under the so-called 2006 criteria, bringing to 87 the total number of CCHIT-certified products for the ambulatory-care market.

There was a record number of vendors who applied by the Feb. 14 deadline for the latest round of testing, according to CCHIT, a not-for-profit organization formed in 2004. CCHIT entered into a three-year, \$7.5 million contract with HHS in 2005 to provide testing for various healthcare information technology products. CCHIT is preparing an enhanced set of criteria for ambulatory EHRs. Testing using the 2007 criteria will begin in May. CHIT also is developing criteria for inpatient systems.



OnDemandCARE is an integrated software solution – a suite of services designed to help an organization grow by addressing all of its medical electronic data storage, tracking, and retrieval needs. *OnDemandCARE* is an unmatched alternative offering a safe, easy, cost-effective solution based on open source healthcare integrated technologies. The *OnDemandCARE* integrated suite includes: ODC-Clinical, ODC-HIM, ODC-PACS, ODC-Financial, ODC-SCM, ODC-BI, and ODC-DMI.

"Because of the small number of companies that have this certification, we recognize the incredible responsibility we have to the subscribers of our ASP model," said Lord.

In April 2004, and every year since, President George W. Bush has called for widespread use of health information technology (HIT), and for electronic health records (EHRs) to

be in use for most Americans by 2014. Since 2004, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) and the American Health Information Community (AHIC) were established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the goal of improving healthcare through information technology.

One of the key actions indicated by ONCHIT to move the nation toward the President's goal was the private sector certification of health information technology products. To that end, the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHITSM) was created.

Three leading HIT industry associations – the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and The National Alliance for Health Information Technology (Alliance) – joined forces in July 2004 to launch CCHIT as a voluntary, private-sector organization to certify HIT products. The three committed resources to support CCHIT during its organizational phase.

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CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CCHIT)

- The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT) is a voluntary private-sector initiative to certify healthcare information technology products.
- CCHIT was founded in July 2004 by three healthcare information technology (HIT) industry associations – the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and The National Alliance for Health Information Technology (Alliance).
- CCHIT’s mission is to accelerate adoption of interoperable EHRs by creating a mechanism for certification.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded CCHIT a three-year contract in September 2005 to develop and evaluate certification criteria and an inspection process for ambulatory (office and clinic) EHRs, inpatient (hospital) EHRs and the networks through which they interoperate.
- CCHIT has focused its initial efforts on ambulatory EHR products, which are marketed primarily to office-based physicians.
- A pilot program testing the certification process for ambulatory EHRs will conclude in February 2006; CCHIT will begin commercial certification in March. The first CCHIT certified products are expected to be on the market by June 2006.
- Development of initial certification criteria for inpatient products will begin in March 2006, with certification beginning in March 2007.
- The goals of CCHIT product certification are:
 - Reduce the risk of HIT investment by providers
 - Ensure interoperability (compatibility) of HIT products
 - Enhance the availability of HIT adoption incentives from purchasers and payers
 - Protect the privacy of personal health information
- CCHIT will help guide the industry by publishing not just current certification criteria but also a roadmap describing expected requirements one and two years in the future.
- CCHIT operates under the direction of a 19-member Board of Commissions led by Chair Mark Leavitt, MD, PhD. Commissioners represent a range of stakeholders including providers, vendors, payers and purchasers, public health agencies, quality improvement organizations, clinical researchers, informatics experts, government agencies and consumers.
- CCHIT has been charged by HHS to become an independent, self-sustaining certification agency.
- CCHIT is a recognized certification body (RCB) for electronic health records and their networks, and an independent, voluntary, private-sector initiative.
- The CCHIT mission is to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating an efficient, credible and sustainable product certification program. For more information visit www.cchit.org. INFORMATION COURTESY OF CCHIT.



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