

PREPARATION KEY TO NEW MDS 3.0

- Software solutions provider to deliver critical upgrade to more than 3,500 facilities-

(Minneapolis, January 26, 2009) – Ready or not Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 is scheduled to arrive this year and the first quarter of 2009 is a critical time to check if your solutions provider is prepared for the October 1 implementation. Minimum Data Set was mandated by OBRA (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) in 1987. Now, more than twenty years later, a second revision is about to be implemented.

MDS is a critical standardized assessment tool that records vital resident information and facilitates resident care management. “Facilities need to check to see that their vendor is prepared to meet the scheduled implementation date for the upgrade or risk facing costly default payments,” said Mike Wessinger, President of PointClickCare. “More than 300,000 residents have information on PointClickCare’s MDS system and will be affected by the 2009 implementation. What our users will notice about the new system is its incredible speed. It can save up to 45 minutes per MDS compared to the previous version and will result in better resident assessments and care.”

Through PointClickCare’s Software-as-a-Service model, MDS 3.0 will be delivered entirely over the Internet. Distribution of PointClickCare’s single version of MDS 3.0 will simultaneously reach 3,500 long-term care facilities with a simple flip of the switch. The company feels this puts them in a strategically advantageous position against other software vendors who are challenged by the complexity of deployment. “Vendors will have to get their MDS out to thousands of different locations with different operating environments before the deadline,” said Wessinger. “In some cases this challenge will be more difficult as vendors will also have to address developing four to five MDS versions to work across a variety of platforms.”

PointClickCare’s MDS 3.0 meets OBRA requirements and is built on their successful and easy-to-use MDS 2.0. MDS automatically schedules assessments and prompts the user when a significant change to the resident’s data is needed. A completed MDS will automatically trigger changes in care plans, billing and medical diagnoses. Built-in and customizable error checks and warnings ensure that mistakes are caught before the MDS is completed, saving time for the nursing staff and ensures the safety of resident care. PointClickCare’s Point of Care System also captures information that can automatically answer questions when completing an MDS to bring improved accuracy, re-imbursement and time savings.

About PointClickCare:

PointClickCare is the leading electronic health records and business office software for the Long-Term Care industry. PointClickCare Software-as-a Service (SaaS) has been online serving providers of all sizes since 2000 and is used by over 3,500 Long-Term Care centers in 40 U.S. states and across Canada serving over 300,000 residents.

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