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LifePoint Informatics and Memorial Hermann: Building One of the Nation's Largest Retail Health Information Exchanges

February 25, 2010 (Glen Rock, NJ) – Physicians and Healthcare Delivery Organizations across the nation are facing the combined pressure of government demands to adopt and integrate Electronic Health Records (EHR/EMR). Subsequently, as the adoption rate of EMR systems by clinicians increases, so do the challenges of connecting laboratory and radiology test result data with these external systems.

In 2007, the 11-hospital Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, Texas, partnered with LifePoint, a company that connects laboratory and radiology test result data with Electronic Medical Records, to design and implement one of the nation's largest retail "friends and family" health information exchange platforms.

"Memorial Hermann is the first healthcare system in Houston to have a Retail Health Information Exchange with such robust capabilities. It supports our growing retail business," said Robert Weeks, Director of Information Systems at Memorial Hermann.

"With more than 6,200 users, this retail exchange features lab orders, lab and radiology results, radiology image links, transcription documents and direct integration with numerous market-leading Electronic Health Record's (EHR) including Cerner, GE Centricity, eClinicalWorks, AllScripts, Supra and others," said Weeks.

Today, more than 1,500 physicians, 2,500 medical office staff and 1,300 acute care and long-term acute care hospital physician and staff users throughout Houston are able to order and receive test results, and receive fast test result turn-around-times for their patients. LifePoint's web-based user interface and information routing hub (LifePoint.EMR) has enabled Memorial Hermann to get results fed directly into physician and outside hospital EHR's, which further expedites patient care.

Electronic order-entry and result reporting functionality is critical to the competitiveness of any retail healthcare services organization. As retail markets grow and the federal government clarifies detail around Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) and American Recovery and Reimbursement Act Stimulus Plans (AARA), this retail exchange has great potential to grow and become part of a larger HIE solution for the region.

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