



The Bahamian Ministry of Health and Public Hospitals Authority select Allscripts Sunrise™

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Solution will help Bahamas achieve goal of providing more affordable and accessible health care to its population

CHICAGO, Aug. 16, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Bahamian Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority have selected the [Allscripts](#) (NASDAQ:MDRX) Sunrise platform for three hospitals and more than one hundred clinics as they embark on modernizing the Bahamian health care system. Allscripts Sunrise will support the Bahamian Public Health Care Network's core care venues with a single platform and single patient record – across inpatient, ambulatory, emergency and revenue cycle venues. The Bahamian Ministry of Health and Public Hospitals Authority chose the Allscripts Sunrise suite to help achieve its goal of positioning the Bahamas as the healthiest country in the Caribbean.

The Bahamas' goal of providing modern and accessible healthcare to its population involves upgrading facilities, extending clinic hours, opening community hospitals on the Islands of Abaco and Exuma and the implementation of an electronic health record (EHR). The Health Information Management System (iHIMS) will help to improve the Bahamian citizen experience by better utilizing data on managing chronic diseases and improving the flow of information across the system.

"Bahamian Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority chose the Allscripts solution because it will assist in deploying our national initiative to improve health and provide a single patient record in the Bahamas. Our national imperatives include improvements to the public system's infrastructure, medical equipment, access to medicine, medical technology, and the development of an integrated information system," said Herbert Brown, Managing Director of Public Hospitals Authority Bahamas. "Allscripts Sunrise provides the tools we need to streamline care processes and deliver accurate, up-to-date health records to all clinicians at the point of care."

Used by many of the leading health systems in the world, Sunrise is a fully integrated solution that connects clinical and financial aspects of a health system for inpatient, emergency and outpatient care.

"The Bahamian Ministry of Health, the Public Hospitals Authority and Allscripts partnership will empower the Bahamas to provide one Bahamian citizen record across all venues of care," said Steven F. Holmquist, Allscripts Senior Vice President of New Client Development. "As the Bahamas embarks on a National Health Insurance program it will require a health information technology partner with flexible architecture, an Open connectivity strategy, and solutions that go beyond the four walls of the hospital and clinics, which makes Allscripts the clear choice."

About The Bahamian Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority

The health system of The Bahamas comprises a blend of publicly and privately provided services. Public sector services fall under one of two management establishments, the Ministry of Health and its agencies, and the Public Hospitals Authority and its agencies.

The community-based primary care health services of the Ministry of Health are managed by the **Department of Public Health**, and are delivered through a network of ten community health clinics in New Providence and some 108 clinics scattered throughout the remaining Family Islands.

The Public Hospitals Authority, which is a quasi-government agency, established in July 1999 by Act of Parliament, manages the public hospitals in The Bahamas.

There are three public hospitals: **Princess Margaret Hospital** in Nassau is the main national acute care facility with 420 beds, over 31 medical specialties and subspecialties, and a full span of diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation therapy services. In 2015, a state-of-the-art critical care wing was added to the PMH and comprises 20 ultra-modern ICU suites and a NICU with 62 Cot capacity; 7 first class Operating Theatres with 18 PACU Bays; an Administrative Block and a modern Medical Laboratory. **Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre** is The Bahamas' national resource for both Mental Health (including substance abuse treatment) and Geriatric Services. The Geriatric Hospital cares for the elderly with medical, social and psychiatric problems; and the Psychiatric Hospital cares for the mentally and physically challenged children, adolescent and adult clients. The Centre also consists of a community-based facility known as The Community Counselling & Assessment Centre offering Outpatient mental health services. **Rand Memorial Hospital** is an 85-bed facility located in Freeport, on the island of Grand Bahama. The Rand Memorial Hospital, together with the Community Health Services in Grand Bahama form the local health system called Grand Bahama Health Services (GBHS).

The PHA is also responsible for a new supply chain management agency which consolidates the former Bahamas National Drug Agency responsible pharmaceutical procurement and distribution; and the Materials Management Directorate responsible for procurement, warehousing and distribution of medical/surgical supplies and other related equipment and materials. The National Emergency Medical Services also falls under the management of the Public Hospitals Authority.

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