



## Affinity Health Group to Eliminate Paper Records with TouchWorks

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mEMR Solution Elevates AHG to Top MGMA Percentile

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Allscripts Healthcare Solutions (Nasdaq: MDRX), the leading provider of point-of-care decision support tools for physicians, announced today that Affinity Health Group selected the TouchWorks modular electronic medical record, or mEMR(TM), to reduce their dependency on paper-based patient records. One of the largest multi-specialty healthcare facilities in southern Georgia, Affinity was recently rated in the top 90% by an independent group according to Medical Group Management Association's (MGMA) best practices criteria.

Affinity will create patient records electronically using TouchWorks, gradually replacing their current system of paper charts with a completely paperless solution. Affinity will also use TouchWorks document imaging solution to include current paper records and inbound correspondence into the electronic patient record. With this transition to paperless charts, Affinity will reduce administrative hassles and improve physicians' access to information.

"TouchWorks frees our physicians and patients from the limitations of paper-based records," stated Richard McCullough, M.D., President of Affinity Health Group. "Electronic patient records take up lots less room than paper charts and empower our physicians with critical patient information at the point of care and anywhere care is delivered."

Using a secure, wireless network and a number of Pocket PC devices and traditional desktop workstations, physicians will use TouchWorks to access patient records anytime, anywhere. With electronic charts, Affinity physicians can share and access patient data in the exam room, in their offices, or even from their homes.

"The real power of the EMR is in seamlessly providing physicians with the clinical information they need while simultaneously removing clerical and logistical distractions," commented Glen Tullman, Chief Executive Officer of Allscripts Healthcare Solutions. "TouchWorks reduces the administrative tasks for physicians, enabling them to focus on the care of their patients."

The TouchWorks mEMR solution will also help Affinity maintain its leadership position in the rural Georgia market. Affinity was recently evaluated against the MGMA's best practices criteria and was rated in the top 90%. Affinity believes that implementing the TouchWorks mEMR will help them increase that score.

"TouchWorks was a natural progression for us," said Ray Cross, Administrator of Affinity Health Group. "Affinity has a history of leading medical care in southern Georgia and we believe that TouchWorks will help us work even more closely with our patients to provide for their healthcare needs."

### About Affinity Healthcare Group

Founded in 1964, Affinity Healthcare Group provides services to the residents of southern Georgia. Located in Tifton, GA, Affinity has recently built an 85,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility. Affinity physicians are dedicated to working together with their patients to provide for their healthcare needs.

### About Allscripts Healthcare Solutions

Allscripts Healthcare Solutions is the leading provider of point-of-care decision support solutions for physicians. The Company's TouchWorks software products enhance physician productivity using a wireless handheld device or desktop workstation to automate the most common physician activities including prescribing, capturing charges, dictating, ordering labs and viewing results, providing patient education, and taking clinical notes. The Company also provides medication fulfillment services. Additionally, Allscripts provides patient compliance and healthcare product education services for physicians through its Physicians Interactive(TM) unit. Allscripts provides services to over 20,000 physicians across the U.S.

Strategic partners include IDX Systems (Nasdaq: IDXC); IMS Health (NYSE: RX); Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT); Hewlett-Packard Company; Express Scripts (Nasdaq: ESRX); and Medco Health.

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