Office Ally’s Electronic Health Records Product Receives 2011 Certification from the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology

(VANCOUVER, WA – March 7, 2011) — Office Ally, the only organization in the country offering healthcare providers a full suite of revenue-cycle management services, announced today that its electronic health records product (EHR 24/7™, v. 3.6.0) has achieved pre-market ambulatory certification from the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®). The CCHIT Certified® 2011 program includes a rigorous inspection of integrated EHR functionality, interoperability and security according to criteria independently developed by the CCHIT’s expert work groups using CCHIT’s published testing methods.

The U.S. government is encouraging a movement toward electronic health records as a way to foster improvements in healthcare quality, safety, efficiency and access. The newly received CCHIT certification helps assure the healthcare industry and consumers alike that Office Ally’s EHR 24/7 product:

- Contains the necessary functionality to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of care.
- Is compatible with emerging national standards.
- Protects the privacy of health information by requiring adequate security standards.
- Increases transparency and reduces the risk for physicians and hospitals that select, purchase and implement the product.

“The certification we just received from CCHIT is a result of years of work and refinement in our product, and we are thrilled to be recognized for our achievement,” said Brian O’Neill, president and CEO of Office Ally. “We are also proud to be able to offer this product to providers at a price point that is easily affordable, both in terms of conversion and ongoing use.”

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Providers may avail themselves of Office Ally’s EHR 24/7 product for just $29.95 a month, far below what others routinely charge. Included in this fee is free set-up and unlimited training along with free clearinghouse, practice management and patient health registry services all integrated with EHR.

Late last year EHR 24/7 received ONC-ATCB Certification stating that the product is capable of meeting the government-developed criteria to support meaningful use. “Meaningful use” is categorized as technology that improves care coordination, reduces healthcare disparities, engages patients and their families, improves population and public health, and ensures adequate privacy and security. In order to be eligible for government funding under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, providers must use EHR technology that has received such designation.

An electronic health record is a patient record in digital format that is capable of being shared confidentially and securely across different healthcare settings. Such records may include a full range of data in comprehensive or summary form including demographics, medical history, medication and allergies, immunization status, laboratory test results, radiology images, and billing information.

The HITECH Act, part of the economic stimulus package passed by Congress in 2009, has made it a financial necessity that physician offices get on board. Title IV of the act promises maximum incentive payments for Medicaid and Medicare providers who adopt and use “certified EHRs” beginning this year. There are also penalties invoked against Medicare “meaningful use” providers who do not adopt a certified EHR by 2015 – they will be penalized 1 percent of Medicare payments, increasing to 4 percent over four years.

Founded in 2000, Office Ally currently works with more than 150,000 providers and 4,400 insurance carriers in all 50 states. It also houses eligibility for nearly 400 IPAs and small health plans. Its complete suite of interactive ASP, Internet-based solutions include a patient health registry – Patient Ally™, electronic health records – EHR 24/7, practice management – Practice Mate™, and clearinghouse and case management – Case Mate™. All of Office Ally’s products and services are offered at minimal or no cost to providers, with training and technical support available 24/7. Further information may be obtained at www.officeally.com.
Certification Details:

Office Ally’s complete EHR, EHR 24/7 is 2011/2012 compliant and has been certified by the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT®), an ONC-ATCB, in accordance with the applicable certification criteria for eligible providers adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This certification does not represent an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or guarantee the receipt of incentive payments.

Date Certified: 11/17/2010.
Product Version: 3.6.0.
Certification ID: CC-1112-490300-1.
Clinical Quality Measures Certified: NQF 0001, NQF 0002, NQF 0004, NQF 0012, NQF 0013, NQF 0014, NQF 0018, NQF 0024, NQF 0027, NQF 0028, NQF 0031, NQF 0032, NQF 0033, NQF 0034, NQF 0036, NQF 0038, NQF 0041, NQF 0043, NQF 0047, NQF 0052, NQF 0055, NQF 0056, NQF 0059, NQF 0061, NQF 0062, NQF 0064, NQF 0067, NQF 0068, NQF 0070, NQF 0073, NQF 0074, NQF 0075, NQF 0081, NQF 0084, NQF 0086, NQF 0088, NQF 0089, NQF 0105, NQF 0385, NQF 0387, NQF 0389, NQF 0421, and NQF 0575.
Self Attested Additional Software Used in Testing: Patient Ally (Patient Portal) – 170.304(g); NCPDC Script – 170.304(b); Chikat .NET Encryption Component – 170.302(s).

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