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**iSALUS Healthcare's OfficeEMR™ RECEIVES CCHIT CERTIFICATION**

*Software complies with 100 percent of certification criteria*

The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT<sup>SM</sup>) today announced that **iSALUS Healthcare's** product **OfficeEMR™ 2007** is CCHIT<sup>SM</sup> Certified, and meets CCHIT ambulatory electronic health record (EHR) criteria for 2006. Ambulatory EHRs are designed for physician offices and clinics where most Americans get their healthcare. CCHIT is a Recognized Certification Body in the United States for certifying health information technology products – an independent, nonprofit organization that sets the benchmark for EHRs. As a CCHIT Certified product, **OfficeEMR** has been tested and passed inspection of 100 percent of a set of criteria for:

- functionality (ability to create and manage electronic records for all patients, as well as automating workflow in a physician's office),
- interoperability (a first step in the ability to receive and send electronic data to other entities such as laboratories), and
- security (ability to keep patients' information safe).

The CCHIT Certified mark — a “seal of approval” for EHR products — provides the first

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consensus-based, consistent benchmark for ambulatory products. By looking to products with the CCHIT Certified seal, physicians and other providers can be assured they are making a reliable investment and insurers and other payers know the products meet expected industry standards.

“Physicians who purchase certified products have the assurance that they have been reviewed by a panel of judges, including practicing physicians, and that they are being evaluated against standards set by professionals in the field and successfully piloted with products from large and small companies,” said Mark Leavitt, M.D., Ph.D., chair, CCHIT. “The quality and safety of EHR products can now be measured using certification criteria that were developed specifically for that purpose.”

“Our ability to remain competitive and to play an increasing role in defining the options for clinicians to consider as they address their practice and clinical needs required us to obtain CCHIT certification,” says Mark A. Day, President and CEO of iSALUS Healthcare. “High value, highly functional solutions that meet standardization and security requirements should become less expensive over time, and the market is poised to provide such benefits now. iSALUS Healthcare is proud to be a part of the CCHIT certification process.”

The goals of CCHIT product certification are to reduce the risk of HIT investment by physicians and other providers; ensure interoperability of HIT products; enhance the availability of HIT adoption incentives from purchasers and payers; and protect the privacy of personal health information.

CCHIT’s certification compliance criteria and its design for a certification inspection process have been thoroughly researched, taking into account the state of the art of EHRs and available standards, and comparing certification processes in other industries and other countries. The inspection process is based on real-life medical scenarios designed to test products rigorously against the clinical needs of providers and the quality and safety needs of healthcare consumers and payers. One script, for example, recreates a scenario of an elderly man with poorly controlled diabetes, hypertension and other chronic conditions in order to test EHR functions such as potential adverse drug reactions, disease management and treatment plans.

### **About iSALUS Healthcare**

Based in Indianapolis, iSALUS Healthcare develops and hosts an Internet-based healthcare and business solution, OfficeEMR. The solution, which was specifically developed to be used via the Internet, is designed to help healthcare organizations focus on providing optimal patient care

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experiences while improving operations and financial performance. iSALUS Healthcare’s customers across the United States represent more than a dozen specialties and several different clinic settings. For more information, go to [www.isalushealthcare.com](http://www.isalushealthcare.com) or call toll free 1-888-280-6678 for more information.

### **About CCHIT**

The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT<sup>SM</sup>) is an independent, nonprofit organization that has been recognized by the federal government as an official certification body for electronic health record products. Its mission is to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating a credible, sustainable product certification program. The certification requirements are based on widely accepted industry standards and involve the work of hundreds of expert volunteers and input from a variety of stakeholders throughout the health care industry. More information on CCHIT and CCHIT Certified<sup>SM</sup> products is available at [www.cchit.org](http://www.cchit.org).

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