



July 9: EHR, ICD-10, HIE vendor selection news and updates

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CareBridge Palliative Care Services selections Authentidate's Electronic House Call and voice response [telehealth](#) solutions for remote patient care: Authentidate Holding Corp., a provider of secure web-based software applications and telehealth products and services for healthcare organizations, [today announced](#) that CareBridge Palliative Care Services has selected Authentidate's Electronic House Call (EHC) and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telehealth solutions to extend their clinical services to patients remotely. CareBridge Palliative Care Services intends to provide their patients with extended services including patient wellness programs, as well as remote monitoring and clinical management of patients with chronic illnesses or those who require palliative care. They also plan to offer remote monitoring services to businesses and health plans throughout Ohio for their employees and members. "The delivery of high quality remote healthcare has improved through the emergence of proven, reliable telehealth solutions like those we've selected from Authentidate to extend our clinical services. EHC and IVR enable us to provide clinical support and oversight to a much wider range of patients with more diverse medical needs while maintaining the flexibility to support them remotely in their homes, at work or away," commented Joe Killian, Chief Executive Officer of CareBridge Palliative Care Services.

HealthStrong first to deploy new ConnectedHealth wireless platform for fitness and weight management: ConnectedHealth, a provider of health monitoring connectivity solutions, [today announced](#) that HealthStrong, one of the largest providers of consumer telehealth monitoring services in Australia, has signed on to become the first to deploy ConnectedHealth's eFitness Management Platform (FMP). The combined capabilities of the companies will come together to offer users personalized health programs that track progress in terms of weight, activity and meal logging — and allow remote monitoring for nutritionist and trainer access and oversight. ConnectedHealth's FMP is a secure personal fitness record Software-as-a-Service platform that facilitates end-to-end connectivity between Bluetooth fitness devices and electronic fitness records. Effective fitness and weight monitoring requires that consumer data is available to fitness professionals remotely — this also enables consumers to track their progress. The new fitness monitoring application is an extension of ConnectedHealth's existing health monitoring solutions. Consumers can now use the ConnectedHealth application to remotely update their fitness readings in the online portal — where they can be monitored by HealthStrong's professionals. According to Mike Holt, founder and CEO for ConnectedHealth, the HealthStrong deployment is just the beginning: "With the medical costs associated with obesity ranging into hundreds of billions of dollars, addressing fitness issues is a key concern for health care providers and insurance companies all over the world. By deploying ConnectedHealth's FMP, HealthStrong is placing itself in a position to do something about this. ConnectedHealth provides the technology foundation for health care providers to monitor real time information on consumers' health and fitness — without having to physically see them. The global potential to dramatically reduce costs — and improve health outcomes — is limitless."

IOD Incorporated continues momentum with EMR pre-load clinical data abstraction service: IOD Incorporated, the leader in full-suite health information management (HIM)

solutions for hospitals, healthcare systems and clinics, [today announced](#) that its electronic medical record (EMR) pre-load clinical data abstraction services continued to build momentum with completion of a successful initiative with Temple University Physicians, the faculty practice plan of Temple University School of Medicine. The industry's increasing focus on care coordination and health data integrity, coupled with the move to the EMR, challenges organizations looking to convert mainly paper-based historical medical information to industry standard longitudinal patient records. Temple sought IOD's abstraction services in preparation for its Epic(TM) EMR system rollouts. IOD's ability to identify and abstract specified data elements into EMRs – including problem list, medication list, allergies, immunizations, surgical, family, and social histories – means organizations can enhance data integrity and patient safety while maintaining physician productivity during an EMR rollout. “EMR implementations can be all consuming for organizations,” said Frank Erdlen, vice dean of information technology at Temple University School of Medicine. “Our goal was to make the process as simple and efficient as possible for our clinicians, so that we could continue to provide the best care for our patients and avoid the typical EMR implementation pitfalls. We chose IOD to perform our EMR pre-load clinical data abstraction because they have a proven track record providing these services to organizations like ours. Their successful track record gave us confidence that they had the commitment to quality we demand from our partners.”

Alere Accountable Care Solutions to provide health information network to Children's Care Alliance for underserved children: The Children's Care Alliance (CCA) [is working closely](#) with Alere Accountable Care Solutions (ACS) to create a [health information exchange](#) (HIE) for underserved children in the Lehigh Valley area of northeastern Pennsylvania. Backed by the support of the business community, the HIE represents a first-of-its-kind collaboration between healthcare organizations and the education community and is poised to move toward improving the healthcare of children in the region. “Many children living in this area suffer from chronic conditions including asthma and obesity. The health care systems and community organizations need to rally together,” says Mike Cirba, CIO, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network and current CCA Chairperson. “The problem is that care delivery is disconnected. Individual health records are scattered among multiple access points of care. And, unfortunately, vital clinical information is often not available to the local physicians, health systems, and the school health rooms that see these kids. By working with Alere ACS, we are committed to bringing key clinical data sets together for clinicians across multiple organizations.” The Alere ACS HIE technology will allow seamless exchange of student electronic health records between different hospital emergency rooms, clinics, physician offices and school districts in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. The HIE, branded as the Virtual Health Village, is expected to help clinicians more expediently access needed information, which should also result in the improved coordination of care.