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ICA Chosen to Provide Care Coordination Technology to OSF HealthCare

Through ICA's CareAlign® Connect direct messaging solution, OSF began Meaningful Use (MU) 2 Attestation in April this year.

Nashville, TN, June 17, 2014 – ICA, a leader in strategic interoperability, and one of the nation's few independent HIE technology vendors, today announced that the company is providing Direct messaging services to Peoria, IL based OSF HealthCare consisting of nine hospitals and medical centers and an extensive physician network to support the "Summary of Care" objective for MU2 Attestation for these organizations.

OSF is a charter member of Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE), a community-based, independent, neutral organization that has been operational since mid – 2012. The interoperability technology behind the OSF initiative is part of the core services available community-wide through CIHIE. "Our goal is to make patient health records more readily accessible to physicians, hospitals, clinics and other healthcare providers. OSF taking the lead with direct messaging for its network helps us make strides in achieving that objective for our community," said Joy Duling, Executive Director for CIHIE.

ICA's CareAlign interoperability platform is powering the direct messaging solution and enabling the organization to utilize their Epic EHR system to provide patient health information to their clinical care communities in a secure, HIPAA compliant environment, regardless of the EHR systems in place at each care destination.

"These new connections demonstrate the robust HIE capabilities ICA delivers to the market," said Gary Zegiestowsky, CEO of ICA. "Our strategic position as a vendor-neutral, health information service provider (HISP), combined with our interoperability capabilities – including our most recent XDR solution -- allows us to work within virtually any enterprise EHR environment, such as Epic, Cerner and MEDITECH, and enable the secure sharing of personal health information (PHI) across clinical care communities."

According to Randy Wolfe, Executive Director, Technology Services at OSF HealthCare, ICA provides OSF HealthCare with the ability to communicate PHI from EHR-to-EHR, with any affiliated health care provider whose system has a Direct address. “The ability to send and receive PHI within the EHR environment rather than through a portal strategy will significantly reduce the administrative requirements for our health care delivery partners and maintain the integrity of their existing workflow patterns. We’re confident that this ability to minimize the steps required to receive, analyze and send PHI among care teams will enhance the value of our EHRs and allow us to continue the march toward a completely connected care community,” said Wolfe.

Wolfe added that ICA was able to configure and implement its Direct capability, using its XDR solution, in one week. “The efficient implementation of ICA’s capability is allowing us to start MU2 attestation across our enterprise of nearly 2 million patient records. And, we met our goal to begin attestation by April 1 to meet MU2 requirements,” Wolfe said.

“The value ICA’s CareAlign Connect brings is the ability to connect facilities with providers who have different EHR systems or who have no current EHR capabilities,” Zegiestowsky, said. “Our national HISP ensures providers have the connectivity they need to meet meaningful use and achieve the triple aim of health care – improved patient experience , enhanced quality and reduced costs.”

ICA’s CareAlign Interoperability platform and its business approach to helping clients achieve meaningful care coordination – The Interoperability Continuum™ - helps clients more effectively leverage state-of-the-art technology to incorporate patients’ health information into primary workflow and improve the overall cost effectiveness and quality of care.

About ICA

ICA is a leading provider of strategic interoperability and intelligent care coordination solutions for the health care market – providers, payers, and accountable care organizations; and is one of the few independent HIE vendors. With its state-of -the-art CareAlign® platform, ICA offers true care coordination technology that connects disparate health care enterprises regardless of the technologies already in place. CareAlign delivers a flexible architecture to connect, collect, consume and intelligently distribute patient information through standard data transport protocols and custom methods for use in EHRs, third party applications, and ICA’s proprietary applications. CareAlign aggregates a wide range of information and supports analytic needs associated with population health management, transitions of care communication, re-admissions reduction, meaningful use requirements and PCMH/ACO operations.

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