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Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association Wins “Most Improved” Award – Los Angeles Region CERECONS software cited as instrumental in success

September 25, 2009 ANAHEIM HILLS, CA — Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association, an Independent Physician Association (IPA) based in Los Angeles with more than 400 physician members, has received the Ronald P. Bangasser, M.D., Memorial Award for Quality Improvement at the annual Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) Pay for Performance (P4P) meeting.

The award, announced Sept. 24, was for the greater Los Angeles region.

Kathy Hegstrom is president of Advanced Medical Management (AMM), the medical services organization (MSO) that manages the Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association. She attributes much of the improvements cited in the award to the benefits provided by the CERECONS information system that went live at AMM in September, 2008.

“If we had not gone to CERECONS, we would not have received the award,” she stated. “Installing CERECONS gave us the tools we needed to bring the rest of the program together.”

The CERECONS system can be quickly installed because it is a web-based solution, with the software hosted at the CERECONS datacenter. Within 90 days after initial implementation the CERECONS system was used by 98% of the physicians in the medical services organization.

The Integrated Healthcare Association Pay for Performance program encourages the adoption of health information technology. Studies demonstrate that such technology is associated with improved healthcare. Many CERECONS clients have significantly improved their P4P scores and payments in a broad range of P4P domains, including IT-enabled Systemness, Patient Experience, Coordinated Diabetes Care, and Clinical Domain, through implementation of the CERECONS system.

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About CERECONS

CERECONS provides healthcare organizations with rapid, affordable means to manage a wide range of clinical and operational data, and also provide patients with access to their healthcare information. As a web-based Software as a Service (SaaS) offering, CERECONS can be quickly installed and consistently maintained with minimal impact on internal information technology resources. Modules include authorization management, clinical reporting, claims administration and inpatient activities, as well as Electronic Health Record (EHR). Health plans, medical groups, hospital administrators, physicians and patients benefit from simplified healthcare transaction processing and coordination. CERECONS is the healthcare division of Unlimited Innovations.
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