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## HMS Announces New Release for Care Management Platform

IRVING, Texas, Oct. 04, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [HMS Holdings Corp.](#) (NASDAQ:HMSY) today announced the release of Version 3.9 (v3.9) of Essette, its newly acquired web-based care management platform. The Essette Suite, which includes case management, utilization management, and population health management modules, assists risk-bearing healthcare organizations to identify, engage, and better manage patient populations toward improved financial and clinical outcomes.

True to form, v3.9's built-in interfaces boost integration with best-of-class healthcare technology and enhanced user experience design, as evidenced by the launch of EssetteBI (Business Intelligence). The v3.9 dashboard, developed in response to user feedback and successfully beta-tested by a client representing a network of hospitals, doctors and clinics, was engineered to accelerate and simplify trend analysis.

EssetteBI provides healthcare organizations with the insights and resources they need to make prompt, actionable, and data-driven decisions.

"Since many organizations who adopt the integrated experience increase efficiency without the need to hire more staff, EssetteBI offers customers a potential cost savings. Now, when combined with the enormous amount of existing reportable data captured by the software, data visualizations included in the new BI module give users the ability to more easily sift through a tabular report and find outliers. No longer reliant on IT teams to create graphical reports to illustrate the data, users will also avoid the costly and time consuming drain on developer resources," said Bill Lucia, HMS Chairman and CEO.

Grant Gaudette, software architect and Chief Technology Officer for Essette, an HMS company, noted other important features of v3.9, such as the EssetteHL7 plugin. He explained, "With so many proprietary EMR vendors vying for control of the marketplace, the challenge has been getting relevant data into the hands of the people who need it most. With v3.9, we now offer a standard, plug-and-play model to get clinical data from the EMR into Essette. Adding that data access to Essette Population Management (EssettePM) campaigns and the rest of the highly configurable Essette workflow is a huge win for our customers."

### **Additional Key v3.9 Technology and Enhancements:**

- 1 Optimization of the Member Shared Assessment Question functionality (to better identify answers current in individual CM, PM, and UM assessments)
- 1 The ability to "Copy an Auth" a feature that helps UM users avoid duplicate data entry and, as a result, save valuable time
- 1 Insignia Patient Activation Measure (PAM)® integration to EssetteCM (Care Management), featuring PAM logic and workflow cleverly dressed in the familiar, user-friendly Essette User Interface
- 1 EssetteUM (Utilization Management) supports both MCG CareWebQI™ and McKesson InterQual® providing the ability to support both sets of evidence based guidelines and, as a result, to have concurrent views

### About HMS

HMS Holdings Corp., through its subsidiaries, provides coordination of benefits, payment integrity, and care management solutions for payers. The Company serves state Medicaid programs; health plans, including Medicaid managed care, Medicare Advantage and group and individual health lines of business; federal government health agencies, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Veterans Health Administration; government and private employers; and other healthcare payers and sponsors, including child support agencies. As a result of the Company's services, customers recover billions of dollars annually and save billions more through the prevention of improper payments.

### About Essette, an HMS Company

Improved health and lowered costs require an integrated approach. One that's flexible, affordable and promotes care across the continuum. Essette® web-based care management software offers a robust alternative to 'shrink wrapped' applications. Incredibly powerful and user-friendly, Essette software—built upon a refreshingly efficient platform—is rapidly becoming the preferred choice for healthcare organizations seeking a simple means of delivering high-value, collaborative care. Whether the need is for real-time monitoring and reporting of data, interface ability with "core systems," analytics, exchanges and external EMRs, or the added expertise of clinical consultants, the Essette suite provides customers with

integrated solutions that combine technology with creative thought and integrity. Learn more about Essette software solutions by visiting <http://www.essette.com>.

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