



AmerisourceBergen and iMetrikus Make Chronic Care Services Available to Pharmacy Network

September 22, 2005 - Valley Forge, PA - AmerisourceBergen Corporation (NYSE:ABC) and iMetrikus[®], Inc, have announced an agreement that will enable pharmacists to play a more integral role in the management of chronic health conditions. Through the agreement, AmerisourceBergen will make MediCompass Pro[™], an Internet-based patient monitoring system, and MetrikLink Pro[™], a groundbreaking data collection product, available to its network of pharmacists as a tool in providing medication therapy management and condition monitoring services to their customers.

Chronic conditions account for a significant amount of US healthcare expenditures and this number is expected to rise significantly as the population ages. In recent years, several pharmacy-based programs have demonstrated that broadening the pharmacist's role can both improve the patient's quality of life and reduce the cost of healthcare.

"Pharmacists are taking an increasing role in managing patients with chronic conditions," said Scott Robinson, Director of Patient Care Programs for AmerisourceBergen. "Diabetes is at near epidemic levels in many parts of the country and asthma, hypertension and other chronic conditions are often not controlled. Chronic conditions place a significant burden on the healthcare system. AmerisourceBergen is excited to provide pharmacists with the iMetrikus system to help them identify problems and monitor the progress of patients with chronic concerns."

"MediCompass and MetrikLink[®] significantly increase the efficiency of pharmacy based data collection," commented Mr. Robinson. "It allows the pharmacist to share much needed information with other members of a patient's health care team."

Using MediCompass Pro, the pharmacist can produce graphs and reports to counsel patients on conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension, as well as multiple medication usage. MediCompass[®] also allows the pharmacist to share detailed reports with the patient's other healthcare providers. Pharmacists using the iMetrikus system can also report on populations for the benefit of other healthcare entities such as payer organizations.

MetrikLink Pro allows pharmacists to upload information from over thirty personal health monitoring devices directly into the MediCompass application; this includes devices such as blood glucose monitors and blood pressure cuffs that patients use in the home.

iMetrikus' efficiencies go beyond streamlined data collection using MetrikLink. By using MediCompass the pharmacist can make health records interactive. All members of a patient's healthcare team can contribute to a patient's record and view changes made by other professionals.

“AmerisourceBergen is taking the lead in the creation of the pharmacy of the future. This nationwide pharmacy program will ensure there is quality information available to support medical decisions for individuals with chronic conditions. It will create a more collaborative approach for the entire healthcare team. We are excited that pharmacies will have access to our products through AmerisourceBergen,” said Matt Sanders, CEO of iMetrikus.

Customers who are interested in purchasing the MediCompass and MetrikLink system should contact their AmerisourceBergen account manager or e-mail patientplus@amerisourcebergen.com.

About AmerisourceBergen

AmerisourceBergen (NYSE:ABC) is one of the largest pharmaceutical services companies in the United States. Servicing both pharmaceutical manufacturers and healthcare providers in the pharmaceutical supply channel, the company provides drug distribution and related services designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes. AmerisourceBergen’s service solutions range from pharmacy automation, and pharmaceutical packaging to pharmacy services for skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, reimbursement and pharmaceutical consulting service, and physician education. With more than \$48 billion in operating revenue, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs more than 14,000 people. AmerisourceBergen is ranked #23 on the Fortune 500 list. For more information, go to www.amerisourcebergen.com.

About iMetrikus

iMetrikus is a pioneering healthcare technology company whose flagship product MediCompass provides a modern, interactive Personal Health Record (PHR) allowing users to securely store their healthcare data. For those monitoring a chronic condition, adding one of the many MediCompass condition modules facilitates information tracking and sharing by creating a connection between those who are chronically ill and their caregivers. Each condition module has specific patient device interfaces, such as the AirWatch[®] Asthma monitoring product which connects to the MediCompass respiratory module. MetrikLink is a component of the system that connects to over 30 of these biometric devices allowing the collection of data that can be shared by the patient with their healthcare team.

The HIPAA¹ compliant MediCompass health monitoring system employs the highest standards for health care-related Web sites as accredited by URAC² and for privacy and security as accredited by the Health on the Net Foundation (HON). iMetrikus is based in Carlsbad, California.

¹ *HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – www.hipaa.org*

² *URAC: Utilization Review Accreditation Commission - www.urac.org*

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