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CHRISTUS HEALTH PARTNERS WITH MEDICITY TO ADVANCE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND IMPROVE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ACROSS SEVEN STATES

Salt Lake City, Utah – December 14, 2010 – Medicity – the standard for health information exchange (HIE) solutions nationwide – announced today that **CHRISTUS Health** will roll out Medicity’s full technology suite to drive HIE infrastructure development across seven states – including Texas, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Georgia, Utah, and New Mexico.

“This HIE initiative will enable everyone across our diverse community of providers – from hospitals and physician practices to home health and long-term care providers – to coordinate care and to connect with patients, registries, and other HIEs regardless of state boundaries,” explained George Conklin, Chief Information Officer of CHRISTUS Health. “We aim to enhance quality of care, reduce costs and prepare our community for the future healthcare landscape.”

Building on its successful adoption of Medicity’s **Novo Grid** – patented technology that currently enables result and report distribution and EHR integration from CHRISTUS facilities to physician practices – CHRISTUS will expand upon its current bidirectional HIE capabilities to include the deployment of Medicity’s **ProAccess Community** and **MediTrust Cloud Services** as well as ambulatory order initiation, physician referrals and CCD exchange.

CHRISTUS will begin its phased implementation by extending Grid connectivity to an additional 900 employed and affiliated physicians – whether or not the practice has an EHR system – while promoting adoption and meaningful use of EHRs. CHRISTUS will also focus on automating laboratory and radiology orders across the Grid infrastructure and implementing peer-to-peer referral functionality to create a sophisticated bidirectional health information exchange environment. Enabling the community health record will constitute the third phase of implementation, followed by patient engagement initiatives and extending access to the community health record to long-term care and home health providers.

CHRISTUS Health is also an early adopter of Medicity’s iNexx platform and will continue to deploy the technology throughout the state of Texas before expanding its use to all CHRISTUS communities across seven states. As the largest not-for-profit health system in Texas with a significant rural population, CHRISTUS is using iNexx to help community health workers support indigent and chronically ill patients and to provide modular, meaningful use apps to providers who cannot afford full EHR systems. CHRISTUS also has plans to **develop its own apps to run on the iNexx platform.**

“We see tremendous opportunity to create apps that address the specific challenges of community and rural providers,” said Hank Fanberg, Director of Technology Advocacy at CHRISTUS Health. “The iNexx technology will enable us to develop apps that operate seamlessly on the platform at a low cost. We view this as an important way for us to fulfill our responsibility to our diverse communities.”

Kipp Lassetter, M.D., Medicity's CEO, stated, "CHRISTUS Health is taking a very strategic, carefully planned, bottom-up approach to health information exchange. By facilitating care collaboration across the community and engaging the patient to play an active role in healthcare, CHRISTUS is building a solid foundation for improving the quality and cost of care."

About CHRISTUS Health

CHRISTUS Health, an international Catholic, faith-based, not-for-profit health system, is headquartered in Dallas and is comprised of almost 350 services and facilities, including more than 50 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 175 clinics and outpatient centers and dozens of other health ministries and ventures. CHRISTUS services can be found in over 60 cities in Texas, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Georgia, Utah and Mexico. The system employs approximately 30,000 Associates and has over 10,000 physicians on facility medical staffs who provide care and support for patients. CHRISTUS Health is listed among the top ten Catholic health systems in the U.S.

About Medicity

Medicity, the industry standard for health information exchange (HIE), is the leading innovator and largest provider of HIE technology – with more than 700 hospitals and 250,000 physicians in its connected ecosystem. Medicity's solutions empower hospitals, physicians and HIEs with secure access to and exchange of health information – improving the quality and efficiency of patient care locally, regionally and nationally. For more information, please visit www.medicity.com or follow us on twitter.com/Medicity.

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