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OCHIN Signs Electronic Medical Records Contracts with 4 Oregon Health Centers

Portland, Oregon – Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Washington County, Waterfall Clinic in North Bend and both Benton and Tillamook County Health Centers will soon join the ranks of private hospitals and health systems all over the country with the implementation of a new electronic medical records (EMR) system. The OCHIN-EMR is Epic Systems software configured specifically for community health clinic environments. All signed first quarter contracts with OCHIN for state of the art electronic medical records software that will move them from a paper to an electronic system.

OCHIN currently has 33 EMR sites on the west coast. These include, community, school based and federally qualified health centers. Last year OCHIN member clinics had over 300,000 EMR patient visits and that number will increase by 175,000 this quarter.

“We are very pleased to have these clinics sign on to OCHIN’s EMR system,” said Abigail Sears, OCHIN’s CEO. All except Waterfall are already members of the OCHIN Collaborative and are users of the OCHIN Practice Management System. Waterfall is installing both the OCHIN Practice Management and EMR systems at the same time. With OCHIN-EMR, clinics will experience increased clinical productivity, cost reductions and greater overall patient satisfaction.

Installations will take place over the next several months.

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In 2000, the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Community Access Program (CAP), awarded OCHIN a \$2 million grant to begin the process of designing and building a secure, reliable, high-speed, private network for delivering practice management software to community-based clinics. Seven years later, OCHIN has met that challenge and now provides software to safety-net medical, dental, and soon, mental health clinics throughout the west coast. In addition, OCHIN's electronic medical records software is moving clinics to secure and paperless efficiency, along with state-of-the-art centralized billing services and a master patient index. OCHIN uses world-class information system software developed by Epic Systems, Inc. and made affordable through generous grants from Epic and HRSA.

OCHIN has grown from a small \$2 million start-up housed in CareOregon (Oregon's largest non-profit Medicaid-managed care plan) to an \$8 million not-for-profit safety-net clinic collaborative. Today, it is a west coast collaborative with 22 safety-net clinic members, with over 150 individual clinic sites annually serving over 400,000 patients. OCHIN is one of only a few firms in the country that is capturing aggregate healthcare data and statistics of low-income and uninsured populations. These patients are predominately poor (66% below FPL), disproportionately Medicaid/MediCal (35%), and uninsured (48%). High percentages are women and children, and nearly 30% are of Hispanic/Latino descent, while 33% are from rural communities.

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