Physician-Friendly Coding and Compliance Tool Increases Accuracy and Documentation of Patient Charges

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ATLANTA, May 24, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Ingenious Med, leader in innovative products for inpatient physician management and automated revenue capture, is pleased to announce the release of *MasterCoder 2.0*, a physician coding application that increases accuracy of documentation of patient charges and ensures coding compliance. MasterCoder essentially walks physicians through the coding process and assists them in selecting the correct level of charge in conjunction with their patient documentation.

The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 made permanent the Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program to identify improper Medicare payments. Many hospitals and medical practices have found themselves unprepared for such an audit and the resulting government penalties for discrepancies in documentation accuracy — both undercoding and overcoding — between the physician and hospital claims. MasterCoder 2.0's user-friendly yet sophisticated technology ensures selection of the correct codes at point-of-care, which, in turn, provides billing departments with more accurate patient charge documentation, thereby reducing the likelihood of discrepancies that could result in audit penalties.

Designed by physicians with input from medical coders, *MasterCoder 2.0* builds upon the already-successful MasterCoder 1.0. The new version is easily embedded into the physician's daily workflow and its thorough integration into the charge capture process decreases the possibility of improper coding when used at the point-of-care.

"One of the main focuses of the *MasterCoder 2.0* design was to make it even easier for physicians to correctly code their documentation. We've basically extended the coder's reach to the actual point-of-care where they've traditionally had difficulty providing real-time coding feedback to physicians," states Steve Liu, M.D., founder and executive chairman of Ingenious Med. "As a result, wh
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