

ATMP Consulting Group Launches Service for Private Practice Physicians to Gain Funding and Implement Electronic Medical Record Standard

ANN ARBOR, Mich., October 29, 2009 – ATMP Consulting Group, a strategic IT company specializing in electronic medical record (EMR) standards, announced today a new service to help private practice physicians select, implement, and adapt IT solutions for electronic medical record alignment and compliance.

In an effort to improve patient care, the health care industry aims to have every patient's paper medical history -- regardless of their location, doctor, or insurance company -- converted and stored electronically within a national EMR standard.

Having records stored electronically makes it easier for patients to move from one doctor to another and eliminate the redundancy of records. It saves time, dramatically reduces a paper trail and makes it easier for insurance companies, which will save everyone money. Most importantly, being able to access comprehensive patient data quickly will have a positive impact on patient care.

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, \$19 billion is available to doctors and clinics, as an incentive to invest in the technology upgrades necessary to bring their practices, and their patient's records, up to government-mandated EMR standards. Physicians that meet the criteria and implement a national EMR standard system will be reimbursed through Medicare and Medicaid bonuses spread out over a five-year timeframe.

"In order to qualify for these bonuses, physicians must choose an EMR system that provides meaningful use. They must adhere to specific guidelines set forth by Medicare and Health and Human Services," cautions Joe Dylewski, a health care IT professional and founder of ATMP Consulting Group.

"It extends beyond the basic implementation of software. A physician's EMR system must meet standards set forth by HIPAA for patient information privacy and security," he added. In addition, the selected software must comply with the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology, which is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides EMR certification authority.

Failures of already-implemented and in-process EMR solutions are staggering and costing physicians millions of dollars. These system failures can be caused by insufficient requirements analysis and architecture design, purchased applications that do not align with clinical processes, and lack of project management and governance expertise.

About ATMP Consulting Group

ATMP Consulting Group, a Michigan based company., has a proven business model to ensure physicians and medical clinics are compliant in electronic medical record (EMR) management. ATMP President Joe Dylewski has been involved in Information Technology Leadership for more than 25 years. He has advised executives of small and large companies on developing and implementing Information Technology strategies. Mr. Dylewski is the former Director of Compuware's Health Care Professional Services business vertical and also serves as an Assistant Professor at Madonna University. He has written articles for industry publications and has accepted multiple speaking engagements. For more information, visit ATMP Consulting Group's web site, www.atmpgroup.com.