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**Milestone: MedAllies Achieves 2014 Edition 2 ONC-HIT Modular Certification for Direct Secure Messaging from Drummond Group LLC**

**FISHKILL, N.Y., August 18, 2015**— with an intense focus on interoperability, MedAllies, has achieved Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC-HIT) 2014 Edition Modular Certification via Drummond Group, an Authorized Certification Body (ACB) that has been empowered to test software for compliance with the requirements of the federal government’s program. The stamp of approval designates that the software offers the functionality that enables eligible providers and hospitals to meet Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use requirements, qualifying these organizations to receive payments under the ongoing EHR adoption program. MedAllies is one of the first in the nation to achieve this new modular certification for Direct Messaging. MedAllies Chief Executive Officer John Blair III, MD stated, “MedAllies is committed to interoperability for all providers and patients to best achieve coordination of care and the triple aim of better health, better care and lower cost.”

To earn the certification, MedAllies Direct Solutions™ v3.3 was tested to be in accordance with applicable standards and certification criteria put forth by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

With more than a dozen years of testing experience across various industries, Drummond Group brings a high level of technical expertise to this process. Its healthcare experience also runs deep, having certified hundreds of EHRs since becoming an ACB in 2010. In addition, Drummond Group acts as a certification authority in the Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances (EPCS) and Controlled Substance Ordering Systems (CSOS) initiatives.

Drummond Group also offers a variety of programs that can make the testing process more palatable. For example, Drummond Group offers a Framework Document that helps software developers focus on specific 2014 edition criteria, clinical quality measures and testing options; an optional Wave Testing Approach that enables vendors to incrementally test for various certification criteria in phases, instead of all at once; and a Pre-Test Assessment Tool to gauge testing readiness.

“The government’s program is maturing and, therefore, becoming more demanding, as it is positioning itself to enable healthcare providers to truly transform how care is delivered. As a result, software developers are being challenged to develop systems with advanced patient engagement, data transfer and interoperability functionality,” says Rik Drummond, CEO, Drummond Group Inc. “Our experience testing complex software in a variety of industries makes it possible for us to bring the sophisticated testing and certification services that the healthcare industry now needs to reach these ambitious goals.”

“MedAllies Direct Solutions™ v3.3 is 2014 Edition (Modular) compliant and has been certified by an ONC-ACB in accordance with the applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This certification does not represent an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.”

As of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, MedAllies Direct Solutions™ v3.3 holds certificate number 073020150270-6 for ambulatory and certificate number 07302015-0271-6 for inpatient and will be included on the list of ONC Certified Products for the following criteria:

170.314.g.4 - Quality Management System

170.314.h.1- Direct Messaging

170.314.h.2 - Secure Health Transport and XDR/XDM for Direct

170-.314.h.3 - SOAP Transport and Security Specification and XDR/XDM for Direct

The costs and type of services offered are either one-time or ongoing costs indicated as follows:

- a) EHR Vendor
  - (i) One-Time Costs – Implementation and Certification Costs (ii) On-Going (Annual) Costs – Per Provider annually.
  
- b) Ambulatory / Hospital Provider Organization
  - (i) One-Time Costs – Implementation Costs
  - (ii) On-Going (Annual) Costs – Total Active Medical Staff (Per Provider Cost Annually) or Total Hospital Bed Size (Per Bed Size Cost Annually).
  
- c) PHR Vendor
  - (i) One-Time Costs – Certification Costs
  - (ii) On-Going (Annual) Costs – Per End User annually.

The services, functionality or software attributed to the Costs above are:

- Health Information Service Provider to facilitate secure messaging services between healthcare stakeholders.

### **About Drummond Group LLC**

Drummond Group Inc. is a global software test and certification lab that serves a wide range of vertical industries. In healthcare, Drummond Group tests and certifies Controlled Substance Ordering Systems (CSOS), Electronic Prescription of Controlled Substances (EPCS) software and processes, and Electronic Health Records (EHRs) – designating the trusted test lab as the only third-party certifier of all three initiatives designed to move the industry toward a digital future. Founded in 1999, and accredited for the Office of the National Coordinator HIT Certification Program as an Authorized Certification Body (ACB) and an Authorized Test Lab (ATL), Drummond Group continues to build upon its deep experience and expertise necessary to deliver reliable and cost-effective services. For more information, please visit <http://www.drummondgroup.com> or email [DGI@drummondgroup.com](mailto:DGI@drummondgroup.com).

### **About MedAllies**

[MedAllies](http://www.medallies.com), founded in 2001, has extensive experience with EHR implementations and workflow redesign to improve clinical care. It provides unmatched expertise in interoperability, health information exchange and Direct services. As one of the ONC Direct Reference Implementation vendors, MedAllies has provided Direct services since the Direct Project's inception. MedAllies Direct Solutions™ builds on existing technology to achieve interoperability. It focuses on provider adoption and use of EHRs for clinical workflow integration beyond the walls of their organizations over the MedAllies Direct Network. Physicians use their current EHR systems, allowing information to flow across disparate EHR systems in a manner consistent with provider workflows. MedAllies Direct Solutions is a tool to advance primary care models that emphasize care coordination and improved care transitions, and support patient-centered care. For more information please go to [www.medallies.com](http://www.medallies.com)

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