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**TCS Healthcare Technologies Offers
Health IT Solutions That Support Health Care Reform**

*Newly Adopted Federal Stimulus Law Should Include Care Management Software Applications
As Part of Electronic Health Record (EHR) Infrastructure*

Auburn, California / PRNewswire / March 12, 2009. TCS Healthcare Technologies (TCS), an industry leader in the development of medical management software applications, supports the health information technology (IT) provisions in the new economic stimulus package, referred to as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The new legislative initiative, which was signed into law by President Obama last month, will actively promote the wider adoption and integration of “qualified electronic health record” (EHR) systems through a number of federally-sponsored programs and initiatives.

Rob Pock, the CEO of TCS and health IT expert, notes “Increasing health care efficiency and improving clinical outcomes are important goals for both the public and private sectors.” As part of any health care reform effort, Pock recommends “the government expand the health IT infrastructure and interoperability framework to include care management software systems -- along with provider-based electronic health records (EHRs).”

Cheri Lattimer, Executive Director of the Case Management Society of America (CMSA), observes that “most care management software systems already compile information from multiple data sources including claims information, health risk assessments, provider information, care treatment plans, employer data, predictive modeling, drug and lab data, and other sources. Electronic health records would be incomplete without this important information.”

Pock notes further that TCS’s suite of care management software services, including ACUITY Advance Care™ and Acuity AnyWare™, support a number of the key public policy aims of the newly signed law, which in part states:

The use of certified electronic health records to improve the quality of health care, such as by promoting the coordination of health care and improving continuity of health care among health care providers, by reducing medical errors, by improving population health, by reducing health disparities, by reducing chronic disease, and by advancing research and education.

See: Title XXX, Health Information Technology and Quality, Sec 3002(b)(2)(B)(v) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Pock observes that “the integration of patient information from care management software systems is a very important part of this equation. The ultimate goal is to get the right health information to the right person at the right time. This is especially important for patients who are chronically ill, who typically have many co-morbidities and receive care from multiple providers.”

TCS offers several solutions that promote the interoperability and consolidation of health care information from different sources and settings including the medical home, provider groups, hospitals, outpatient clinics, health plans, insurers, medical management organizations, pharmacies, third party administrators, and others.

In addition to its core software platforms, TCS offers several tools that empower information exchange such as:

- AcuPort Advanced™, a middleware software (Extraction, Transformation, & Loading) solution to link disparate information, from multiple applications into one useful system;
- AcuStrat™, a population management stratification and automation tool that turns patient healthcare information into actionable events; and
- AcuExchange™, an application that allows providers to submit authorization requests electronically using the Internet and collaborate with the payer.

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