



CMR emergency department information system plays key role in Louisiana hospital's Stage 1 Meaningful Use attestation

Targeted functionality, integration with other clinical systems enable Bunkie General to successfully report on ED-specific quality measures.

Baton Rouge, La. – Nov. 15, 2011 - CMR, a leading Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) provider, today extended congratulations to Bunkie General Hospital, a 32-bed critical access hospital (CAH) located in rural Louisiana, in successfully meeting and attesting to Stage 1 meaningful use criteria for Medicare and Medicaid. A key component to this achievement was Bunkie General's utilization of the CMR EDIS version 3.3, which is certified by the U.S. Office of the National Coordinator - Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB). The hospital consequently has received more than \$800,000 in incentive payments, and earned recognition as the first CAH in the state to successfully meet both Medicare and Medicaid requirements.

Bunkie General Hospital submitted its attestation on Oct. 17 after completing the required 90-day reporting period, where it not only met, but exceeded, multiple measurement standards. The hospital leadership team credits this success to the organization's ongoing commitment to quality care and patient safety, including the integration of CMR's best-of-breed EDIS. The CMR ONC-ATCB certified EDIS version 3.3, which is 2011/2012 compliant in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, provides a fully integrated, intuitive medical record that improves patient care, departmental efficiency and information management.

"We have been using CMR since April of 2007," says Linda Deville, chief executive officer of Bunkie General Hospital. "The product and customer service has always been superb. We worked even more closely with the CMR team prior to and during the attestation period to make sure we were on target to meet the Medicare meaningful use requirements, especially regarding the ED-specific clinical quality measures. Achieving Stage 1 meaningful use is vital to our success."

"Bunkie General's accomplishment is a great testament to other facilities around the country that, no matter what their size, they too can and must evolve to stay competitive and meet the standards of today's healthcare industry," said Cris Mandry, MD, chief executive officer of CMR.



About CMR

The CMR ONC-ATCB certified EDIS version 3.3, which is 2011/2012 compliant in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, provides a fully integrated, intuitive medical record that improves patient care, safety, departmental efficiency and information management. CMR's system incorporates a traditional chart layout that is user-friendly and customized for the rapid demands of the Emergency Department, allowing for quick input of critical information that immediately alerts other clinicians involved in the patient's care. Due to CMR's advanced facility level coding as well as the complete documentation produced by the application, CMR has been proven to consistently increase revenues at facilities in areas where larger enterprise systems fail. Created by ED clinicians for the special needs of Emergency Departments, CMR's system is used by hospitals and free-standing EDs across the United States.

About Bunkie General Hospital

Bunkie General Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital located in Bunkie, Louisiana. The hospital provides medical services to the community, operates 2 Rural Health Clinics, and provides geriatric psychiatric services. Bunkie General Hospital provides Telemedicine as part of the Louisiana Rural Health Information Exchange. This network links patients to specialty physicians within the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Bunkie General Hospital was recognized in the US News and World Report magazine for its Silver and Gold Award for management of its patient with Heart Failure. Most recently, the hospital was listed as one of the top hospitals in Louisiana as recognized by Health Grades for its management of COPD and Pneumonia.

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