Maker of popular Personal Health Record announces support for Office Open XML

Providers and patients who use HealthFrame^{TM} 2.1 are now able to use standards-based office suites to export, transport, import and merge electronic medical records

Sudbury, Mass. (Nov. 14, 2007) - Records For Living, Inc. is announcing the availability of a system that enables the exchange of patients' continuity of care record between office suites and the HealthFrame^{TM} family of personal health record products.

Benefits to patient-provider communications

Using this new HealthFrame^{TM}-enabled system and standard office suites, patients and providers can design their own reports and have them automatically populated with data from their personal health record.

Patients and providers can also define input form templates which allow data to be captured using office suites; then data entered into these forms can be automatically merged into their personal health record.

"We are yet again making it easier for patients and providers to collaborate in the delivery of vital continuity of care record information," says Simone Pringle, President and Founder of Records For Living, Inc., which developed HealthFrame^{TM}. " Standards-based integration with office suites is the latest in a long list of patient and provider-accessible interoperability solutions supported by HealthFrame^{TM}, which already includes support for USB thumb drives, iPods, mobile devices, web services, and OpenHealth Service (OHS) Plug-Ins, to name a few".

Besides lowering the barrier to adoption of electronic health record solutions, support for integration between electronic patient records and office suites makes it easier to support dynamic interfaces, reduces data entry errors, and lowers the cost of communications between patients and their providers.

Compatibility support

HealthFrame^{TM} is now able to extract health record information from word processing documents that were edited using popular office suites. Medical staff can fill in forms using standard office tools and patients can import and seemlessly merge data into HealthFrame^{TM} by simply opening the documents using HealthFrame^{TM}. Conversely, HealthFrame^{TM} can generate reports that can be read using standard office suites, not requiring specialized software for the clinical records to be shared with medical staff.

This new release contains a number of office-readable reports, fillable-forms and the ability to define custom lab test panels. Samples provided in this release include forms for the addition of new medications, comprehensive metabolic panel, and reports for medication and provider listings.

Records For Living will continue to count on the feedback it receives from its vibrant community of users and providers (http://Community.RecordsForLiving.com) to add to the library of document templates it makes available.

Standards-based approach

Ecma-376 Office Open XML is an XML-based file format specification for electronic information such as word processing documents. Office Open XML specification can be extended to include other XML-based specifications, acting as a container of machine-accessible, electronic records.

HealthFrame™ has leveraged its long-standing support for the ASTM Continuity of Care Record (CCR) standard and is able create Office Open XML documents that are enhanced to contain a patient's medical record information.

A number of office suites exist today that support Office Open XML, including Windows, Mac, Linux and PDAs. "Support for Open Office XML will make it possible for HealthFrame™ users to access additional platforms", continues Pringle.

This technology release supports the OpenHealth Services (OHS) framework (http://www.recordsforliving.com/OpenHealthServices/), which enables standardization around the use and implementation of reports and services that provide electronic representations of a patient's health record and incorporate individualized health and wellness-related content.

Availability

HealthFrame™ may be downloaded from http://www.HealthFrame.com   Support for integration with office suites can be found at the OHS Plug In directory: http://www.recordsforliving.com/OpenHealthServices/ServiceDirectory.aspx

About Records For Living, Inc.

Records For Living, Inc. is a pioneer in the personal health informatics industry, breaking down the barriers to shared health care information. Records For Living, Inc. has released the HealthFrame family of products as an innovative solution to personal health management. Records For Living, Inc. also provides professional services to our health care provider partners to support the improved exchange of medical record information between providers and patients.

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