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IL-HITREC Awards SA Ignite Contract to Ease Providers' Path to 'Meaningful Use'

CHICAGO – SA Ignite, Inc., which provides software to streamline and automate the “last mile” of reaching Meaningful Use (MU), and the Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (IL-HITREC) have announced their partnership on a software project.

“We’re delighted IL-HITREC has chosen SA Ignite to aid healthcare providers as they pursue the final stages of qualifying for federal incentives for meaningful use of electronic health records (EHR),” said Tom Lee, founder of SA Ignite.

“Funding the cost of our MU Assistant™ solution exemplifies IL-HITREC’s deep commitment to its members’ success.

“Looking beyond Stage 1, IL-HITREC’s ability to see the profound impact this data and its analysis can have on improving the quality of care while controlling costs is nothing short of visionary,” Lee said.

SA Ignite’s proprietary software helps providers navigate the currently manual and time-intensive “last mile of MU.” Once workflows have been redesigned, providers are live on an EHR and providers have been trained, SA Ignite’s software helps monitor MU measures across different EHRs. It also electronically files to Medicare and Medicaid attestation websites.

The solution offers:

- **e-filing.** SA Ignite provides a one-step attestation filing process, saving manual data entry time and minimizing the risk of human error. It’s akin to “e-filing” a personal tax return.

- ***Intuitive Data Visualization.*** MU Assistant provides the ability to view data across the REC's entire provider base, irrespective of the underlying EHR systems in use. This means not having to manage dozens of different MU dashboards with varying functionality. Additionally, viewing data on one screen that assembles a rolling view of provider's potential 90-day attestation periods makes attestation period selection easy.
- ***Decision Support.*** MU Assistant allows a user to set exclusions and define Yes/No measures, have those settings captured in its web-based system and reflected for each measure and for each provider. The exclusion functionality in particular will give IL-HITREC providers confidence they are keeping up with regulations on federal and state levels. Additionally, the ability to predict future compliance via MU Assistant's projection feature informs practices where more training is necessary.

"We look forward to offering the MU Assistant to our providers because they will save significant time and improve efficiencies on their path to meeting MU criteria," said Roger Holloway, IL-HITREC's executive director.

"Not only will providers be eligible to receive their incentives more quickly, but they also will have confidence that their attestation submissions are on the mark."

About SA Ignite, Inc.

SA Ignite, Inc., builds innovative healthcare IT software products that enable unprecedented improvements in EHR usage. The company's inspiration lies in removing complexity for users and automating workflow that is currently manual. Chosen to serve more than 3,000 providers, SA Ignite's products layer on top of any EHR system. SA Ignite passionately believes improving EHR usage can advance healthcare by simultaneously improving quality of care and lowering costs. Visit www.saignite.com.

About IL-HITREC

IL-HITREC is a collaboration of several healthcare and educational organizations that are focused on providing education, outreach and technical assistance to priority primary care providers within Illinois, outside the City of Chicago. IL-HITREC is partially funded by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (Title IV in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). IL-HITREC is headquartered at Northern Illinois University and has satellite delivery offices in DeKalb, Chicago, Peoria and Sauget. Visit www.ilhitrec.org.

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