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Vanguard Health Systems Rolls Out Dossia Personal Health Record to Employees

Healthcare leader empowers employees to take control of their health and healthcare by giving them access to their health information

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dossia, a leading Personal Health Record Platform provider, today announced that Vanguard Health Systems, a leading healthcare provider that joined the Dossia Founders Group in June 2009, is the second Dossia Founder to implement and offer the Dossia Personal Health Record to its employees.

Vanguard reported that the company has offered Dossia to a select group of employees, but plans to make the Personal Health Record available to the larger Vanguard employee population before the end of the year. With the Dossia Personal Health Record, employers are able to provide their employees with the tools necessary to make good health decisions and to take action to improve their health and healthcare. Dossia further enables employers to cost-effectively deliver a variety of employee benefits and wellness initiatives. Vanguard also announced future plans to offer the Dossia Personal Health Record to patients who attend one of its 15 acute care hospitals and complementary facilities. Vanguard's deployment of the Dossia Personal Health Record Platform follows Walmart's inaugural roll-out to thousands of Walmart associates last year.

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"Employee wellness is an area where employers and employees agree- it benefits both parties tremendously. Healthy and happy employees are more productive and will spend less on healthcare. What Dossia offers is a platform for launching wellness capabilities to large companies, such as Vanguard, who will be able to derive better value from their existing wellness programs," said Colin Evans, President and CEO of Dossia. "We are very excited to partner with Vanguard to empower its employees to make better health and healthcare decisions."

Dossia currently has plans in place to deploy the Dossia solution to the other Dossia Founders within 2010. Upon deployment, Dossia Founders will be able to connect their employees to their health information, enabling them to become agents for change in their own lives.

About Dossia

Dossia is a non-profit organization consisting of several large U.S. employers who have united under a common vision: to empower their employees to make smarter more informed decisions about their healthcare. Through Dossia, they will leverage their combined influence to break down barriers to health information, which will help drive consumer-initiated change. The Dossia Founders group includes AT&T, Applied Materials, BP America, Cardinal Health, Intel, Pitney Bowes, Abraxis BioScience, Vanguard Health Systems, sanofi-aventis, and Walmart. For more information, visit www.dossia.org.

About Vanguard

Vanguard owns and operates 15 acute care hospitals and complementary facilities and services in Chicago, Illinois; Phoenix, Arizona; San Antonio, Texas; and Massachusetts. Vanguard also owns three managed care health plans: Phoenix Health Plan, a Medicaid managed health plan in Arizona; Abraxo Advantage Health Plan, a managed Medicare and dual-eligible health plan in

Arizona; and MacNeal Health Providers, a preferred provider network in Chicago. Vanguard's strategy is to develop locally branded, comprehensive healthcare delivery networks in urban markets. Vanguard will pursue acquisitions where there are opportunities to partner with leading delivery systems in new urban markets. Upon acquiring a facility or network of facilities, Vanguard implements strategic and operational improvement initiatives, including improving quality of care, expanding services, strengthening relationships with physicians and managed care organizations, recruiting new physicians, and upgrading information systems and other capital equipment. These strategies improve quality and network coverage in a cost effective and accessible manner for the communities we serve.

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