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Abaris Behavioral Health Services competitively selects NextStep Solutions, Inc., to provide an integrated clinical and claims processing system

Rochester, MI – 4 December 2008 - *NextStep Solutions, Inc.* (NSSI), announced that Abaris Behavioral Health Services, located in Rochester and Novi, Michigan, has selected the *NextStep* Clinical Decision Support System to manage all client treatment record documentation. According to one of Abaris' owners and actively involved clinician, Dr. Paul Smith (Ph.D.), "We looked at many of the systems being offered by nationally renowned vendors, but found the ideal solution right here in our own backyard! *NextStep* is a web-enabled program that allows our professional and administrative staff members to electronically access and process patient records, from a single and secure repository, and has proven to enhance our diagnostic and coding procedures."

Dr. Smith further explained that "*NextStep* is complementary to all existing clinical and financial systems, and offers advanced workflow tools that ensures our providers can electronically access all various forms of healthcare information including staff members' handwritten notes, outside correspondence, lab reports, photographs, insurance cards, etc." *NextStep* is an all-inclusive proven documentation tool for private therapists, institutional providers, and community based programs. It permits users to view the treatment plan allowing for charting that is goal-oriented and pertinent to the patient. Each patient's progress, related to treatment goals, is easily reviewed via the internal graphing system.

The constant display of the treatment plan promotes a therapeutic climate in which the goals, objectives, and interventions are foremost considerations. *NextStep* allows therapists to modify and update the treatment planning process to accommodate for the most specific needs of their patients or programs.

Dr. Brad Rockafellow, Clinical Director of Abaris, and practicing psychologist, cited the customized search capabilities as the greatest asset of *NextStep*. He noted that having up-to-date, clinically meaningful data immediately available allows him to make better informed treatment decisions. Since the records are no longer static (paper) documents, he is able to easily and quickly maximize the use of the information in each patient's record. He also noted there is a seamless integration between the medical and therapeutic modules. Other features Dr. Rockafellow cited include the report reminders, integrated treatment plans, medication module and easy assimilation of research protocols.

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Abaris Behavioral Health offers credentialed and licensed Clinicians, with experience in treating children, adolescents, adults and geriatric patients. The versatile staff provides diagnostic evaluations, specialized testing, medication treatment and counseling to treat a broad range of problems, including: Depression, Child/Adolescent Behavior Problems, Chronic Psychiatric Disorders, and Neuropsychological Testing.

NextStep Solutions Inc., based in Rochester, offers an expansive suite of web-based products (*NextStep Practice Pro*, *NextStep MS*, and *NextStep PHM*) intended for private practices, residential service providers and hospitals. All are full featured intuitive Web-based patient management information systems specifically designed by behavioral experts to accelerate the process of documenting and evaluating client treatments. This successful commercial off-the-shelf medical management records system is a comprehensive patient care and billing administrative program. Contact: Amy Pozzi (amy@nextstepsolutionsinc.com)

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