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NextStep Announces the Release of a New Suite of Behavioral Health Software that Optimizes Documentation & Accelerates Claim Processing

Rochester, MI - 26 August 2007 NextStep Solutions (NSS), introduced the newest 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.

According to David Ballenberger, President of NextStep Solutions, "Our proven system allows staff members to electronically access and process patient records, from a single and secure repository, and enhances diagnostic and coding procedures." David further explained that "*NextStep* is complementary to all existing clinical and financial systems, and offers advanced workflow tools to ensure end users can electronically access all various forms of healthcare information including clinician's handwritten notes, outside correspondence, lab reports, photographs, insurance cards, etc."

NextStep is an all-inclusive administrative tool for private therapists, institutional providers, and community based programs. *NextStep* allows the user 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 users to modify and update the treatment planning process to accommodate for the needs of their patients or programs.

Dr. Lynne Lyons, Medical Director of Rose Hill Center, and private practice psychiatrist in Novi, cited the customized search capabilities as the greatest asset of *NextStep*. She noted that having up-to-date, clinically meaningful data immediately available helps her make better informed treatment decisions. Since the records are no longer static documents, she is able to easily and quickly maximize the use of the information in each patient's record. She also noted there is a seamless integration between the medical and therapeutic modules. Other features Lyons cited include the report reminders, integrated treatment plans, medication module and easy integration of research protocols.

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NextStep Solutions Inc., based in Rochester, is an established provider of enterprise-wide software solutions for behavioral health and human services providers. Current user base exceeds 400 professionals in multiple mental health and substance abuse facilities.

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