

## NextStep Announces Grant to Assist Single Practice Behavioral Health Providers Adopt Electronic Medical Records (EMR)

*Software packages offered free to Michigan Mental Healthcare Professionals*

March 9, 2009 - *NextStep Solutions Inc.*, Rochester, MI, has announced grants to support the implementation of electronic medical records in Michigan. This free EMR offering is available to certified behavioral health professionals - Clinical Social Workers, Licensed and Limited Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed and Limited Licensed Psychologists, and Licensed Psychiatrists.

David Ballenberger, President, of *NextStep*, stated "Promoting and fostering enhanced mental health records keeping is a national commitment!" He continues, "With the recent changes in Michigan's economy, behavioral health providers are being forced to do more with less .... and insurers are becoming much more demanding in justifications for continued treatment. This recent generous contribution for our web-based software makes an electronic medical record available to many of those professionals still trapped in the paper dungeon of yesterday's manual documentation practices. We encourage all providers to contact us to receive this comprehensive EMR ... training is also free!"

This grant is intended to support those single practice providers in adapting to the many new requirements in documenting and maintaining client/patient records. Solo clinicians providing psychotherapy, psychological testing, and psychotropic medication management to clients who struggle with a wide range of psychological disorders including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and marital and family problems will benefit with notable time-savings and expediting of claims processing.

A pilot study will be conducted during the one year trial period to help all participants compare their practice methodologies to other professionals treating the same types of situations and against national standards. All information is groomed to insure patient and provider confidentiality in a HIPAA compliant data warehouse and reports will be made available to any participants for review and analysis.

One of *NextStep's* clients recently stated, "This software product is truly state-of-the art. It is now easy for my staff and insurance companies to quickly audit charts. With the built-in reminders feature and evidence-based approach, treatment plan reviews are never forgotten or late. One of my greatest joys is that we no longer have to reimburse insurance companies for services that they previously determined were late, illegible or not medically necessary!"

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*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](mailto:amy@nextstepsolutionsinc.com))