MedUnite Connects with Medi-Gate to Ease Healthcare Providers' Move from Paper Claims to Real-Time, Electronic Healthcare Transactions

Healthcare Providers Can Now Use the Medi-Gate Integrator(tm) to Move Patient Data from Their Existing Computer Systems into the MedUnite Transaction Platform.

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ and SAN DIEGO (PRWEB) March 29, 2002 -Inspired technology service company founded by seven of the nation's largest health insurers, and Medi-Gate.net, LLC, an integration technology and network service organization for Internet-based healthcare transaction vendors today announced an agreement which will enable healthcare providers to easily move from a paper-based claims system into a system of real-time, electronic transactions.

Typically, a healthcare provider uses a physician practice management information systems (PMS) to maintain patient data and then prints this information to send to payers to verify patient eligibility and benefits verification, submit claims, make referrals and check the status of filed claims. Under the MedUnite and Medi-Gate agreement, patient data will easily move between the PMS and the MedUnite Transaction Platform through the use of the Medi-Gate Integrator(tm), making it simple for healthcare providers to make the switch from paper-based to electronic, real-time transactions.

"Checking patient eligibility, claims status, or obtaining referral approval should be as easy for a doctor as using an ATM machine," said Dave Cox, president and CEO of MedUnite. "We are pleased to be working with Medi-Gate to make real-time, electronic healthcare transactions a reality for healthcare providers."

"Our agreement with MedUnite marks the next stage of our transaction-enabling products and services," indicated David Pfeil, chief operating officer of Medi-Gate. "To date we have been focusing on connectivity between physicians and clinical applications such as delivering data to and from on-line reference labs, disease management programs, and pharmacy information systems. With the addition of MedUnite, we can offer our participating healthcare providers integration with a full suite of MedUnite administrative services and transactions. The combination of on-line clinical and administrative connectivity is a very powerful solution. We see Medi-Gate as the catalyst to engage physicians in the use of on-line services by providing them with a wide variety of third party on-line products and services."

How Healthcare Providers Can Get Started

Healthcare providers can begin the process of integrating their PMS with the MedUnite Transaction Platform by registering for the free download of the Medi-Gate Integrator(tm) from the Medi-Gate.net site. By utilizing the Integrator's Internet print component, healthcare providers can check insurance eligibility, submit claims or check claim status on-line by simply running reports they would have normally printed to paper.

The healthcare provider can then enroll at the MedUnite.net site and access additional real-time transactions, including: real-time patient eligibility and benefits verification, real-time claims submissions, real-time specialty care referrals and admissions reviews and real-time claim status reporting. These transactions can be done at no cost to healthcare providers after a nominal registration fee.

In the future, MedUnite and Medi-Gate plan on also working together to ease healthcare providers' ability to receive payments electronically from payers, using the bi-directional capabilities of the Medi-Gate...
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About MedUnite Inc.

MedUnite is an independent full-service technology firm founded by seven of the nation’s leading health plans: Aetna, Anthem, CIGNA, Health Net, Oxford, PacifiCare and WellPoint. MedUnite promotes the evolution of healthcare transactions from an inefficient, paper-based system to an economical, real-time Internet-based connectivity tool for physicians, insurers, laboratories and other healthcare constituents. For more information on MedUnite’s transaction services call 1-800-586-6870, email: provider.info@medunite.com, or visit: www.medunite.com.

About Medi-Gate.net, LLC

Medi-Gate.net offers healthcare systems integration and gateway linking for a wide variety of Internet transaction vendors into a single consolidated healthcare provider interface for use by physicians, hospitals, ancillary healthcare providers and integrated delivery networks. The Medi-Gate Integrator(tm) provides an electronic interface to legacy practice information systems. The Medi-Gate Gateway(tm) offers a single provider authentication process for consolidated access and automated sharing of patients among disparate healthcare information systems. By providing a single source of integration systems and deployment services for our transaction partners, Medi-Gate.net promotes higher utilization of their online services, lowers the cost of implementation, and provides strong value to the healthcare community. More information is available at www.medi-gate.net
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