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**DESC's CHASERS Software Achieves ONC HIT 2014 Edition EHR
Certification from ICSA Labs**

SEATTLE - July 22, 2015 - [DESC](#), a leader in providing innovative housing, behavioral health and crisis services to chronically homeless individuals, announced that it received ONC HIT 2014 Edition Electronic Health Record (EHR) certification for its internally developed client service tracking software, CHASERS version 1.5.

“This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to finding innovative ways to provide the best care for our clients,” says Daniel Malone, executive director at DESC. “Over the years our CHASERS software has grown from a communication log for our emergency shelter into a robust and vital tool that allows us to coordinate and integrate care across more than 25 programs at DESC. EHR certification is the latest step in creating software that enhances the services we provide for our clients, and positions us to continue to improve service delivery through increased support for care coordination and interoperability across our community.”

With this certification, DESC is one step closer to implementing a complete Electronic Health Record and to demonstrating Meaningful Use per the standards set forth by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). DESC received Modular Ambulatory certification on May 5, 2015 from ICSA Labs, Inc., an Office of the National Coordinator-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB) and is compliant in accordance with applicable criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Particular details of this certification follow:

The CHASERS EHR Module v1.5 is compliant with the following ONC HIT 2014 Edition Modular Ambulatory certification criteria: Drug-Drug, Drug-Allergy Interaction Checks;

Demographics; Vital signs, body mass index, and growth charts; Medication List; Drug-Formulary Checks; Smoking Status; Electronic Prescribing; Clinical Quality Measures - capture and export; Clinical Quality Measures - import and calculate; Clinical Quality Measures - electronic submission; Authentication, access control, and authorization; Audit Report(s); Automatic log-off; Emergency access; Integrity; View, Download, and Transmit to 3rd Party; Automated Measure Calculation; Safety-Enhanced Design; Quality Management System.

Clinical quality measures certified are: CMS62 – HIV/AIDS medical visit; CMS68 – Documentation of current medications in the medical record; CMS122 – Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1C poor control; CMS128 – Anti-depressant medication management; CMS137 – Initiation and engagement of alcohol and other drug dependence treatment; CMS138 – Preventative care and screening: Tobacco use: Screening and cessation intervention; CMS156 – Use of high risk medications in the elderly; CMS161 – Major depressive disorder (MDD): Suicide risk assessment; CMS163 – Diabetes: Low density lipoprotein (LDL) management.

The additional software relied upon to comply with one or more of the certification criteria include: MD Toolbox Direct Messaging and MD Toolbox ePrescribing Software.

CHASERS, v1.5 Certification ID is 150055R00. This Modular EHR is ONC HIT 2014 Edition compliant and has been certified by [ICSA Labs](#), an ONC-ACB in accordance with the applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This certification does not represent an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

About DESC

DESC works to end the homelessness of vulnerable people, particularly those living with serious mental or addictive illnesses. Through partnerships and an integrated array of comprehensive services, treatment and housing, we give people the opportunity to reach their highest potential. At DESC, uncommon efforts produce uncommon results that eliminate homelessness, one person at a time. Visit <http://desc.org> for more information.

About ONC Certification

The ONC Certified Health Information Technology (HIT) program tests and certifies that HIT is capable of meeting the 2014 Edition criteria approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). The certifications include Complete EHRs, which meet all of the 2014 Edition criteria for either eligible provider or hospital technology and EHR Modules, which meet one or more — but not all — of the criteria.

About ICSA Labs

ICSA Labs, an independent division of Verizon, offers third-party testing and certification of security and health IT products, as well as network-connected devices, to measure product compliance, reliability and performance for many of the world's top security vendors. ICSA Labs is an ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accredited and 9001:2008 registered organization. ICSA Labs is NVLAP accredited as a Health IT Test Lab and is also an ONC-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB) accredited by ANSI to ISO/IEC Guide 65. Visit <http://www.icsalabs.com> and <http://www.icsalabs.com/blogs> for more information.

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