



Community Medical Centers Selects Ascend Software's AP Document Management and Business Automation Solution

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Brea, California – Ascend Software, a leading provider of Document Management and Business Automation, announced today that Community Medical Centers, located in Central California's San Joaquin Valley, will deploy Ascend's SMARTOUCH Accounts Payable (AP) Document Imaging and Automation solution throughout its health care network.

Community Medical Centers selected Ascend's solution over competing products for the advanced automation, and the increased efficiencies guaranteed to its operations through a dramatic reduction in manual effort, processing time, and cost.

Community Medical Centers will scan its paper-based documentation into electronic media, store, distribute, route for approvals, archive, and display only the information needed by each party in a secure, timely, and efficient manner. The seamless integration between Ascend's web-based Enterprise Document Management solution and Lawson applications provides Community Medical Centers with a *total* in-house solution, with faster implementation, and less on-going training and maintenance.

"We evaluated multiple Lawson partner solutions, and Ascend Software best met our business needs, while having the lowest total cost of ownership," said Tim Brown, Director of Business Systems.

Additionally, Ascend's ReportSafe® is pre-configured for Lawson report output, contributes to a fast and easy deployment, and securely and automatically identifies, archives, bursts, and distributes reports electronically, without the need for custom programming. Ascend is a long-time business partner of Lawson, and ReportSafe is Lawson's recommended solution for report management and archiving.

About Community Medical Centers

Community Medical Centers is the largest and most comprehensive hospital system in California's San Joaquin Valley, and has cared for Valley patients for over a century. Through prudent administration and planning, Community continues to expand facilities and services for one of California's fastest growing regions, and vigorously re-invests in programs, technology, and facilities that protect the health and future of California's Central Valley. Community is affiliated with the renown University of California, San Francisco Medical School, and operates three acute-care hospitals, and several long-term care and outpatient centers. Community operates the only burn center and only Level 1 trauma center between Sacramento and Los Angeles, the largest and most comprehensive high-risk pregnancy unit in the region, and one of California's largest and busiest emergency departments, while providing patients with advanced technological options like CyberKnife® and the da Vinci robotic surgical system. Community is the region's largest private employer, with 6,000 employees and over 1,000 affiliated physicians.

About Ascend Software

Ascend Software, foremost in computer software design and development, is located in Brea, California, and delivers superior Enterprise Information Management and Business Automation solutions. Distributed in 14 countries, Ascend's solutions are recognized for their advanced and innovative architecture and automation, and reward customers with a greater and more rapid return on investment. Ascend's mission is to set the standard for product integrity. For more information on Ascend's products, please call the Sales Department at 888-353-7058, Ext. 202, E-Mail: Info@AscendSoftware.com, or visit the website at www.AscendSoftware.com.