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## **Delta Health Technologies offers Risk Assessment in latest version of Encore**

- *Delta is first home healthcare IT provider to embed risk assessment in software product*
- *Enables customers to track acute care hospitalization and patient risk*

**Altoona, PA – February 12, 2007** – Delta Health Technologies, LLC, the leading provider of information systems and services for home care entities nationwide, announced today that it is now offering ground-breaking risk assessment functionality as part of its Encore solution for the home healthcare industry.

This reliable, easy to use and highly cost effective tool will enable clinicians to identify how they can mitigate risks on a case by case basis, increasing their ability to develop and deliver the safest plan of care to their patients and to significantly reduce re-hospitalization.

Encore's user-definable Risk Assessments allow for weighting in order to auto-calculate a low, medium, or high score as well as identifies the risks applicable to a home health provider's unique patient population. This functionality used with Encore's OASIS Smart Checks gives providers the ability to define and perform consistency checks between OASIS and Risk Assessment questions within one solution, helping to ensure the accuracy of clinical documentation. This provides agencies with the information necessary to implement the steps to mitigate risks - resulting in positive outcomes.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to bring innovative software products and unyielding service to the home care market, we are excited to be the first company in the industry

to embed risk assessment functionality into our technology,” said Keith Crownover, president and CEO of Delta Health Technologies.

As part of its Quality Improvement initiative, Rockingham Memorial Hospital (RMH) Home Health Care of Harrisonburg, VA completed its integration of Delta’s Risk Assessment tool into its clinical encounter records for Nursing, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy clinicians in November 2006. RMH, which has been a Delta client since 1997, has almost 50 clinicians on staff who have utilized the product and have realized significant improvements in time efficiency, allowing them to increase their focus on the patient and decrease the focus on paperwork.

“RMH had identified two priority areas we were looking to assess and improve as part of our Quality Improvement program, which were hospitalization for acute illness and risk for falls and related injuries, commented Julie Gates, system administrator for RMH Home Health Care. “Delta’s Risk Assessment tool allows our staff to select up to 25 risk factors per visit and to view prior RA inputs so that they can individualize care for each patient and monitor improvement and progress. The power of Delta’s functionality has certainly accelerated our Quality Improvement progress.”

Delta Health Technologies’ Risk Assessment function is available in the most recent version of Encore, which was made available to the market in April 2006.

#### **About Delta Health Technologies, LLC**

In January 2006, the leadership team that pioneered home care technology 32 years ago acquired Delta from Siemens and relaunched as Delta Health Technologies, LLC, a company whose members include key managers of the Siemens Home Health organization, shareholders of the founding company and local business leaders. Delta is one of the leading providers of information systems and services for home care entities nationwide. Headquartered in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Delta focuses exclusively on providing technology solutions to homecare, hospice, and private duty which positions the organizations to meet the challenges of today’s healthcare environment. With over 30 years of experience, Delta is dedicated to the home care industry and the success of their customers. More information can be obtained by visiting [www.deltahealthtech.com](http://www.deltahealthtech.com).

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