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ChartMaker 3.0.5 FROM STI COMPUTER SERVICES RECEIVES 2007 CCHIT CERTIFICATION

Software Complies with 100 Percent of Updated 2007 Certification Criteria

04/28/2008 – The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT®) today announced that **STI Computer Service’s** product *ChartMaker® 3.0.5* is CCHIT Certified®, and meets the Commission’s ambulatory electronic health record (EHR) criteria for 2007. Ambulatory EHRs are designed for physician offices and clinics where most Americans get their healthcare. CCHIT – an independent, nonprofit organization – is the Recognized Certification Body in the United States for certifying health information technology products.

In the second year of the program’s operation, the criteria and testing have been significantly enhanced. The Commission added 96 criteria to the 151 original requirements from last year. As a CCHIT Certified product, *ChartMaker® 3.0.5* has been tested and passed inspection of 100 percent of a set of updated criteria for functionality, interoperability and security.

“For 2007, the Commission raised the bar from the previous year’s criteria. Ambulatory EHRs now must include electronic prescribing, demonstrate an ability to receive lab results, and show enhanced patient safety, quality, and security features,” said Mark Leavitt, M.D., Ph.D., chair, CCHIT. “Investment in 2007 certified ambulatory EHRs gives providers even more powerful tools to improve quality, safety and efficiency while protecting the privacy of health information.”

The CCHIT Certified mark — a “seal of approval” for EHR products — provides the first consensus-based, government-recognized benchmark for ambulatory EHR products. By looking to products with the CCHIT Certified seal, physicians and other providers can reduce their risk in selecting an EHR product, allowing them to focus their evaluation on the special needs of their practices.

“STI Computer Services is proud to announce the successful completion of software product testing for CCHIT compliance. We believe this important certification demonstrates our commitment to continually maintain **ChartMaker**® as an affordable software solution for our clients designed to meet the ever-changing needs of today’s environment in Healthcare Information Technology. We look forward to future updates of this exciting product and serving the needs of our customers for years to come.”

Ted Itzkowitz , *President* STI Computer Services, Inc.

CCHIT’s certification compliance criteria and its design for a certification inspection process have been thoroughly researched, taking into account the state of the art of EHRs and available standards, and comparing certification processes in other industries and other countries. The inspection process is based on real-life medical scenarios designed to test products rigorously against the clinical needs of providers and the quality and safety needs of healthcare consumers and payers. One script, for example, recreates a scenario of an elderly man with poorly controlled diabetes, hypertension and other chronic conditions in order to test EHR functions such as potential adverse drug reactions, disease management and treatment plans.

About STI Computer Services, Inc.

Founded in 1979, **STI Computer Services, Inc.** is a Medicare Platinum Level Medical Software Developer specializing in the development, sale, installation, and support of computer systems essential to medical practices. The STI Medical Practice Software Suite includes Practice Management, Electronic Billing, Appointment Scheduling and Document Management. For additional information, visit www.sticomputer.com.

About CCHIT

The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT®) is an independent, nonprofit organization that has been named by the federal government as the Recognized Certification Body for health information technology. Its mission is to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating a credible, sustainable certification program. The certification requirements are based on widely accepted industry standards and involve the work of hundreds of expert volunteers and input from a variety of stakeholders throughout the health care industry. More information on CCHIT and CCHIT Certified® products is available at www.cchit.org.

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