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BETA Healthcare Group Partners with the California Hospital Patient Safety Organization to Eliminate Preventable Patient Harm

BETA continues its quest to enhance patient safety throughout California

ALAMO, CA. (August 25, 2014) — BETA Healthcare Group (BETA) recently entered into an agreement with the California Hospital Patient Safety Organization (CHPSO) to promote participation in Patient Safety Organization (PSO) services provided to hospitals and health systems in California. CHPSO was formed by the California Hospital Association and is part of California's Hospital Quality Institute. It is the largest and oldest hospital-based PSO in the nation with over 300 member hospitals and health care organizations.

BETA believes CHPSO will provide California hospitals with unmatched access to the emerging best practices from hundreds of hospitals and in-depth patient safety resources. CHPSO has developed a regional model for PSO membership that brings together health professionals from neighboring facilities to engage in frank, open and legally protected discussions about patient safety and quality issues, based on the premise that the most powerful method for change comes through sharing experiences.

"It is BETA's goal to promote innovative solutions and provide resources to mitigate risk. Our choice to partner with proven patient safety experts demonstrates BETA's commitment to excellent healthcare delivery," said Tom Wander, Chief Executive Officer at BETA Healthcare Group. "Learning about system defects as intended through this federally protected mechanism will enhance patient safety and promote fact-based improvements at a statewide level," said Heather Gocke, Vice President Risk Management and Patient Safety at BETA.

"We welcome BETA Healthcare Group and its members and insureds. CHPSO exists to serve its members and their patients, and we look forward to this opportunity to partner with BETA Healthcare Group in this complex but vital task of eliminating preventable patient harm," said Rory Jaffe, CHPSO executive director.

Members that participate in this PSO will have access to "safe table" forums, evidence-based recommendations, an on-line resource center, educational offerings and more. The agreement will enable BETA to convene confidential safe table meetings with BETA Healthcare Group hospitals to discuss patient safety events and to collaborate on initiatives aimed at reducing patient harm. BETA will host its first Safe Table forum focused on the Electronic Health Record at its upcoming Risk Symposium in September.

Contact CHPSO at info@chpso.org for more information and instructions on joining.

About BETA Healthcare Group

BETA Healthcare Group is the largest insurer of hospital profession liability coverage in California, serving more than 150 hospitals and healthcare facilities. As the leading choice of liability insurers for California hospitals, BETA's long-established commitment to California physicians continues to grow with more than 5,000 insured physicians and over 55 medical groups. Whether it's hospitals, medical groups, clinics or hospices, BETA has earned a reputation for financial strength, rate stability, quality service and breadth of coverage that is unparalleled in the industry. For more information, visit www.betahg.com.

About the California Hospital Patient Safety Organization

The California Hospital Patient Safety Organization is one of the largest Patient Safety Organizations in the nation, serving hospitals in the Western United States. CHPSO confidentially collects and analyzes patient safety data, develops and shares best practices, and helps individual hospitals accelerate safety improvement. More than 300 institutions have joined in this quest to eliminate preventable patient harm. CHPSO collaborates with hospital associations to ensure an integrated approach. It also maintains close alliances with other statewide PSOs, quality and safety agencies, research institutes and think tanks. As a result, members gain unprecedented access to the collective intelligence of patient safety experts and innovators. For more information, visit www.chpso.org.

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