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## Vendor Notebook: Microsoft bolsters cloud platform with HIPAA safeguards

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**Microsoft** announced that it has implemented the safeguards required by HIPAA and HITECH inside Windows Azure Core Services and is offering a HIPAA business associate agreement (BAA) to its enterprise agreement/volume licensing customers and partners in the health industry.

**InterSystems** announced that EyeCare Associates (ECA) in Birmingham, Ala., has successfully consolidated its 19 practice management systems into a single breakthrough application that derives its speed and scalability from the InterSystems CACHÉ database system.

**WebPT** announced that it offers an educational version of their EHR software for colleges and universities nationwide. Created for physical therapy (PT) documentation courses, this software will prepare future therapists and therapy assistants for their careers and make them better hires for employing clinics.

**CareCloud** announced a partnership with Doctors Access, a practice management company and a division of iPractice Group. Through the agreement, Doctors Access will utilize CareCloud's platform in its new cloud-based practice management offering, Doctors Access Pro, which will be made available to the approximately 500 current users of the Doctors Access practice management software.

**Fujitsu Frontech North America** and **HT Systems** announced that the companies have entered an agreement that designates HT Systems as the exclusive provider of Fujitsu's PalmSecure, biometric palm vein sensors in the positive patient identification segment of the Healthcare market in North America.

**MedeAnalytics** announced the launch of its Medicaid Managed Care Resource Center. Officials say MedeAnalytics created this resource center focused on optimizing healthcare quality and efficiency as an educational service for the health industry. The resource center will be continuously updated to reflect key legislative, regulatory and other developments.

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**Panasonic** announced the launch of the KV-S1046C document scanner, which is aimed at small and medium-size physician practice settings, including reception areas. The feature-rich device has a fast scanning speed of 45ppm, and is capable of scanning documents of various sizes and thicknesses, helping reduce the number of devices needed to digitize data, officials say.

**iSirona** announced successful go-lives at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, Calif., and O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif., two hospitals that are part of the Daughters of Charity Health System (DCHS). DCHS plans to further leverage iSirona's connectivity solution across its six hospitals that span California's coast, with the ultimate goal of connecting 16,000 medical devices to its QuadraMed EMR.

**GE Healthcare Performance Solutions** and Ogden Regional Medical Center, a 239-bed Level II trauma and certified stroke center in the Salt Lake City area announced the successful results of a perioperative services improvement program, implemented to improve surgical capacity at Ogden Regional. The project, which included the strategic analysis of Ogden Regional's OR scheduling processes using GE's Block Optimizer software as well as the establishment of new OR governance procedures, resulted in notable growth in surgical cases and increased ease of scheduling procedures officials say.

**Weno Exchange** announced a unique value-added promotion for early trading partners. WEX has reached an agreement with InfoGard Laboratories that provides EPCS certification testing for a discounted fee of \$10,000 for a limited time and for a limited number of WEX pharmacy management systems and Electronic Health Record (EHR) trading partners.



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