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## **Vantage® Care Apothecary and Talyst Join Forces to Bring Remote Medication Dispensing Efficiencies to Long Term Care and Correctional Facilities.**

Vantage® Care Apothecary, the regional leader in closed door pharmacy has announced the use of InSite; a remote medication delivery system that provides dramatic cost savings by reducing medication waste, saves valuable nursing staff time and improves patient safety. This new technology will enhance the medication management and expedite medication administration. Vantage® Care Apothecary customers will be the first in the region to provide this automated solution.

This system was originally used in San Bernardino County, California and in that year delivered an estimated 3.6 million oral medication doses. The system enables all prescriptions for nearly 6,000 patients to be prescribed, approved, dispensed and documented in a fraction of the time previously required, and with a higher level of quality assurance.

Robin Garner-Smith, Pharm.D. BCPP, CGP, FASCP, Senior Vice President Vantage® Healthcare Network stated, “Our relationship with Talyst will allow Care Apothecary to grow and expand our business model with breaking technology. We will be able to help our facilities “Go Green while saving Green”. The system follows a driving force in health care initiatives today – doing more with less. Medical waste is reduced by preventing the dispensing of unnecessary medication doses while saving health care facilities, patients, Medicare and insurance companies’ money. I cannot think of a more appropriate way for us to move our business and the business of our facilities forward in this current economic climate.”

InSite is a comprehensive solution for Long Term Care and Correctional Facilities that provides greater efficiency and control of medication with secure access and a streamlined delivery process. Its components and capabilities include: automated and accurate dispensing – changes in prescribed medications or patient residency will no longer produce wasted medications and can provide inventory and dispensing information for dose to dose accountability. Saves Time –dramatically reduces the time needed to prepare for scheduled medication passes and eliminates the need to perform time-consuming narcotic counts. Automated dispensing –on-site, on-demand automation for preparing patient specific oral medication doses, enabling facilities to add nursing time for patient safety issues such as fall prevention and pain management.

“This system addresses the concerns of healthcare managers, by leveraging our market leadership and lessons learned in hundreds of installations,” explains Carla Corkern, CEO, Talyst. “Our remote-dispensing approach brings efficiency, patient safety and cost control,” she notes, “by linking medication administration to facility and health care databases.” “This is also relevant to the nationwide nursing shortage,” Corkern says. “At a point when it is so difficult to hire nurses, InSite can stretch resources and make the day-to-day nursing job in corrections more patient-centric and appealing.” The InSite system will be implemented and Co-Marketed with Vantage’s Institutional Pharmacy Care Apothecary, Headquartered in Meadville, PA. Julie Smith, RNC, CRNI, Vantage’s Service & Development Manager stated, “This system will provide immediate medication availability for all residents within our facilities. Nurses will have the remote dispensing system in their facility at their fingertips to access and administer medications. This will be extremely beneficial for current and new residents, first doses or PRN’s. The need to wait for the pharmacy delivery is eliminated.”

For the last two years, Talyst has ranked in the “Inc. 500” national list of fastest-growing private companies. Last month, the company was ranked number two on the Deloitte “Fast 50” Technology Companies in Washington State.

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