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## **HealthWise LLC Joins The Hospice Leaders Project**

**Seattle, WA (August 20, 2007)** — OCS announces that HealthWise LLC, a leading provider of Hospice solutions, located in Wilmington, Massachusetts, has joined The Hospice Leaders Project. This voluntary program expedites the adoption of meaningful performance comparisons in the hospice market. Current participants in this consortium of industry information and technology leaders include, CareCentric, Inc., Cerner, Inc., Delta Health Technologies, LLC; Deyta, LLC; HomeCare HomeBase, McKesson Provider Technologies; Mills and Murphy Software Systems; Misys Healthcare Systems, mumms Software, and Patient Care Technologies.

The Hospice Leaders Project is a key part of the multiple efforts to formalize quality measurement, leveraging the vast experience of thousands of hospices and participating organizations. The proposed Medicare QAPI Conditions of Participation require measurement, but do not specify indicators. Several national and state-sponsored organizations are promoting frameworks for quality and data-centric improvement, including the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), National Quality Forum (NQF), American Hospice Foundation, the National Association for Homecare and Hospice (NAHC) and the CMS-funded Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence.

Through The Hospice Leaders Project, vendors will provide hospices with standard definitions, systems and guidance to capture and report valuable patient management data, facilitating performance improvement and participation in state, national, and private quality initiatives. This program is being coordinated by OCS, Inc., and organizations interested in joining the project are encouraged to contact them.

"With the addition of HealthWise to The Hospice Leaders Project, all members' ability to provide standardized data information, collection and reporting to hospice agencies is enhanced, strengthening both the individual and joint impact of all of these diverse programs" stated Martha Tecca, OCS' Senior Director of Hospice.

"Our Hospice customers will benefit from our participation in this consortium. HealthWise is committed to providing better tools for measuring and managing both the quality of the clinical care processes, and the business performance for our Hospice clients" stated Michael R. Kramer, Ph.D, HealthWise's CEO.

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### **About HealthWyse LLC**

HealthWyse is a Massachusetts based company providing information services to the Home Care, Hospice, and Private Duty markets. The company has developed an integrated clinical and financial application addressing the needs of this growing market. Its unique products and services make the HealthWyse solution a viable option for agencies of all sizes.

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