

Medication Pathfinder's Enhanced MTM Program Offers Pharmacists Ability to Import/Review Diagnostic Laboratory Data

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Clinical Support Services, Inc. (CSS), a national leader in providing Medication Therapy Management (MTM) software and solutions to managed care organizations, has recently created functionality that will allow data from diagnostic testing laboratories to be streamed into its processes.

"Pharmacists and other clinicians looking to evaluate patient lab data alongside pharmacy and medical claims can now do so with our MTMPath™ technology," said James Notaro, R.Ph., Ph.D., president and founder of CSS.

MTMPath is a propriety, web-based software that provides a clear and consistent process of data collection, workflow management and recommendation creation. Produced in accordance with nationally-published best practice MTM guidelines, CSS has developed RxCarePath™ algorithm technology that provides pharmacists with streamlined procedures to evaluate an expansive range of chronic disease states.

"MTMPath provides a clinically robust medication therapy management documentation system offering many advanced capabilities in terms of functionality and intuitive, ease-of-use. Moreover, MTMPath allows pharmacists to report the clinical and financial value of their management interventions," Notaro said.

CSS's MTM technology is built on a SQL platform, providing users the capability to easily import and export data from other software programs. In addition, all clinical elements are captured uniquely in the patient registry, allowing expansive ad hoc reporting capability, including those reports required by CMS under Medicare Part D.

"Our technology provides the solution to a wide range of concerns for managed care entities, including meeting CMS's Medicare Part D regulations for MTM, optimizing member drug therapy, managing specialty pharmacy utilization and improving clinical markers and reducing overall health care costs," Notaro said.

The MTMPath technology can be utilized by managed care entities using several different models. The software licensing model allows an MCO's in-house clinical staff to directly access the software and run its own reports. CSS can internally manage the MTM process for an MCO using its clinical staff, or develop/expand a community-based ambulatory pharmacy network using MTMPath for as its technology infrastructure.

CSS has also developed hybrid models for organizations that have unique objectives. For example, an MCO may elect to perform high-touch MTM (asthma, diabetes) in-house while CSS's operations perform more low-touch MTM (analyzing and converting use of PPI, statin users) operations.

"This is an exciting time for medication therapy management," Notaro said. "A strong, well-designed program can tremendously impact the wellness of a patient population, increase the effectiveness of an MCO's clinical operations, and reduce pharmacy and medical costs throughout the continuum of care."

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