What CCHIT® Certification Means to You

Software that is CCHIT Certified® delivers assurances on security, interoperability, and integrated functionality to LTPAC providers.

NetSolutions 6.4.7 has been inspected against criteria independently developed by CCHIT’s broadly representative, expert work groups. Using CCHIT’s testing methods, NetSolutions was found to be in full compliance as a CCHIT Certified® 2011 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC) EHR, additionally certified for Skilled Nursing Facilities.

NTT DATA has entered a small group of software vendors* that can say their software is CCHIT Certified® EHR technology for the Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC) market, additionally certified for Skilled Nursing Facilities. It meets the 2011 EHR standards.

Vendors who have received certification can say their systems have met the current criteria for Electronic Health Records (EHR). CMS.gov states that EHRs are the next step in the continued progress of healthcare... Data from all of a patient's healthcare settings and the timeliness and availability of it, will enable providers to make better decisions and provide better care.

CCHIT, the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology, was a non-profit organization that certified many healthcare organizations for Meaningful Use and EHR before ceasing operations on November 14, 2014. Its inspection process was based on real-life medical scenarios designed to test products rigorously against the complex needs of health care providers. As part of the process, successful use is verified at live sites.

Meaningful Use

LTPAC criteria is different, but does not conflict with, EHR criteria for hospital and physician software systems. Those providers are adopting systems certified for EHR at a faster rate than LTPAC providers because they are eligible for the financial incentives known as Meaningful Use.

Although LTPAC providers were excluded from Meaningful Use, some LTPAC providers and CCHIT® agreed that there was reason to work on criteria specific to LTPAC EHR technology and they defined the interoperability and security criteria that is used to certify software systems as LTPAC EHR technology.

LTPAC software vendors submitted their software to CCHIT for this voluntary certification to distinguish their product in the marketplace and to assure LTPAC providers that their software would meet the unique needs of patients in this care setting. Vendors certifying their products in this program are likely to be well-prepared for federal EHR programs as they evolve.

All Certification is Not by CCHIT

Some LTPAC IT vendors have chosen to be certified by the ONC (Office of the National Coordinator for HIT). That certification applies only to Meaningful Use for hospitals and physicians, not LTPAC. ONC certification is modular, meaning a vendor can choose to meet a partial set of criteria. CCHIT Full Certification requires certification for all modules, ensuring all criteria are met.
Certification: a New Way to Distinguish Among Vendors

Why did NTT DATA choose to commit the resources required to certify its product? To give LTPAC providers objective confirmation that our software is a superior choice for LTPAC providers today and that it is as prepared as possible for future EHR requirements.

Additional initiatives such as the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, ACOs (Accountable Care Organizations) and RHIOs (Regional Health Information Organizations) are creating incentives for LTPAC providers to join with hospitals and physicians for mutual benefit. Using CCHIT Certified systems can differentiate LTPAC organizations from facilities that cannot share health information with other providers in a standard and secure format.

CCHIT Criteria

Not only is CCHIT’s criteria exacting, it is numerous – a 45 page list of functions that must be included in the software system, verified by testing and testing CCHIT’s list of LTPAC criteria includes items required for 2011 certification as well as criteria intended for the future and is organized into these categories:

- Patient Record and Demographics
- Patient List
- Problem List
- Medication List
- Allergy and Adverse Reaction List
- Patient History
- Patient Views
- Clinical Documents and Notes
- External Clinical Documents
- Patient-Specific Instructions
- General Ordering Requirements
- Medication Prescribing and Ordering
- Drug Interaction
- Medication Reconciliation
- Order Diagnostic Tests
- Results
- Consents and Authorizations
- Patient Advance Directives
- Care Plans, Guidelines, Protocols
- Medication Administration
- Immunization Management
- Clinical Task Management
- Inter-Provider Communication
- Provider Information
- Patient’s Medical Equipment
- Assessment Instrument, such as MDS 3.0
- Report Generation
- Health Record Output
- Confidentiality
- Concurrent use
- Security Criteria, including Access Control, Audit, Authentication and Documentation

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