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CareCore National Unveils Radiation Exposure Online Resource

New Features Include Radiation Calculator and Video

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CareCore National today unveiled its web-based Radiation Exposure Calculator and Radiation Safety video. The Radiation Safety and Calculator tools can be accessed at www.carecorenational.com by patients and providers. CareCore National designed this online resource as part of its ongoing commitment to improve quality and safety for the healthcare consumer through evidence-based medicine.

“CareCore National is pleased to provide valuable consumer education tools designed to enhance available information concerning unnecessary and dangerous radiation exposure” says Donald R. Ryan, Chairman and CEO of CareCore National. “We applaud the efforts that regulators and medical societies have made in addressing this issue and we hope our online resource will provide additional education to patients nationwide”.

Advanced diagnostic imaging is a major and growing source of ionizing radiation in the general public, though the exact amount and total impact is widely debated. What is not debatable is that excess radiation exposure is a known risk for cancer and radiation exposure is increasing with greater utilization of CT and other radiology tests. A recent study found that 68.8% of patients had at least one imaging procedure from 2005-2007. Children and adolescents are more sensitive to radiation. The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging report there are 7 million CT studies performed in children annually in the United States, with an annual increase of 10% per year.

The web-based tools include the consumer-friendly radiation exposure calculator and video information on radiation exposure that provide a platform for understanding the effects of imaging procedures on an individual’s overall radiation exposure.

About CareCore National, LLC

CareCore National is a leader in the application of evidence-based medical criteria designed to enhance the quality and cost appropriateness of healthcare. With over 45 million health insured members utilizing our services, CareCore National’s innovative, quality-driven approach applies advanced health information exchange technologies across diagnostic imaging, cardiac care, oncology, radiation therapy, obstructive sleep apnea, pain management, and esoteric laboratory services. CareCore National programs provide comprehensive, seamless solutions to private and government health plan clients. CareCore National is certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and URAC.

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