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Deaconess Health System to Launch New Access to Indiana’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (INSPECT)

Indianapolis, IN–July 24, 2017 – Today the Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch, joined Evansville Mayor, Lloyd Winnecke, President of Appriss Health, Rob Cohen, and leaders from the Indiana health community at Deaconess Gateway Hospital to announce the integration venture of the State’s prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). The Indiana PDMP, often referred to as INSPECT, is now available in electronic health records through Appriss Health’s PMP Gateway. Appriss signed an agreement with Deaconess Health System, composed of six hospitals in Southern Indiana, providing access to PDMP data, tools and analytics. The available electronic health records will shorten the data search time from minutes to seconds creating a quick and efficient process for prescribers during every patient encounter.

The integration initiative provides a solution to an arduous procedure of cross referencing patient information to verify prescription history. With the new integration initiative, drug prescribers can quickly access patient information through the electronic health records, a cutting-edge tool for today’s health professionals. This implementation will promote patient safety and efficient management of prescription drug data.

“Deaconess has taken a major step towards ensuring the best standard of care for its patients,” said Rob Cohen, President of Appriss Health. “We applaud them for taking a proactive approach to becoming the first health system in Indiana to deploy clinical workflow integration of PDMP data and clinical decision support solutions for substance use disorder directly within their EHR.”

“At Deaconess, we are committed to the prevention of prescription drug misuse and abuse in our patient population,” said Dr. Gina Huhnke, Director Medical Affairs and Emergency Medicine at Deaconess. “Integrating INSPECT information into daily workflow ensures prescribers at Deaconess will more often, and more easily, access this valuable prescription monitoring data to make better informed clinical decisions to better ensure patient safety. We look forward to working with the State of Indiana and Appriss Health on these important efforts.”

“The integration initiative is a step forward in fighting prescription drug addiction,” said Deborah Frye, Executive Director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency which houses the INSPECT program. “We are excited for this new tool to be in the hands of health professionals in Indiana. Furthermore we are pleased to work with Appriss Health and Deaconess Health System in launching this new

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advancement for the State's prescription drug monitoring program. Our hope is to simplify the complex process of managing Indiana's prescription drugs while simultaneously protecting the health of Hoosiers across the state.

The integration of INSPECT into electronic health records will promote public safety and hopefully decrease the number of opioid related deaths while still supporting the state through calculated prescription decisions.

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