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Healthsystems VP of Clinical Services Appointed to Prestigious ODG Advisory Board

Tampa, FL — Healthsystems LLC (Healthsystems) announced today that Dr. Ralph Kendall, PharmD, Vice President of Clinical Services, has accepted a prestigious invitation to become a member of the Work Loss Data Institute's (WLDI) Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Editorial Advisory Board.

WLDI is an independent database development company focused on workplace health and productivity. Their Official Disability Guidelines product line provides evidence-based medical treatment and disability duration guidelines to improve as well as benchmark outcomes in workers' compensation and non-occupational disability.

"I am honored to serve on the ODG Advisory board, and to provide guidance from the perspective of a Clinical Pharmacist," stated Dr. Kendall. "The focus of our clinical programs at Healthsystems is centered around the application of evidence-based medical treatment guidelines including sources such as ODG."

Dr. Kendall's extensive experience in workers' compensation pharmacy treatment allows him to bring real world examples and a deep understanding of issues such as pharmacy trends, physician prescribing patterns and drug utilization to the Advisory Board.

Dr. Kendall has been instrumental in the development and implementation of clinical pharmacy programs and the application of managed care principles to the workers' compensation healthcare segment for over twenty years. His accomplishments include being involved in the development of the first workers' compensation specific prescription plans — ensuring that covered medications are appropriate and related to the care of workers' compensation beneficiaries. He has also used his clinical pharmacy expertise in the collaborative development of powerful technology tools to ensure patient safety while identifying injured workers' with inappropriate or excessive drug treatment regimens.

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Healthsystems is a specialty provider of innovative medical cost management solutions for the workers' compensation industry. The company offers a diverse suite of services including a leading Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) and Clinical Review programs as well as a prospective adjudication solution for managing ancillary medical services. Leveraging powerful technology, clinically-based outcomes management expertise



and enhanced workflow automation tools, Healthsystems provides clients with flexible programs that reduce the total cost of medical care while increasing the quality of care for injured workers. ::