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**Outcome's TotalQuality<sup>®</sup> Reporting Service Certified As EHR  
Technology Reporting Module for CMS' Meaningful Use Program**

*-- Technology Can Assist Hospitals and Providers with Meeting Meaningful Use Quality Reporting Requirements, and Qualifying for Incentive Payments --*

**Cambridge, MA – March 4, 2011** – Outcome Sciences, Inc. (OUTCOME), the leading provider of patient registries, studies, and technologies for evaluating real-world outcomes, today announced that its TotalQuality<sup>®</sup> Reporting Service has become a certified electronic health records (EHR) technology reporting module for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's (CMS) Meaningful Use data submission.

Currently, Outcome's TotalQuality Reporting Service is a certified CMS Meaningful Use quality reporting service for hospitals. As a certified EHR technology reporting module, Outcome will now offer the TotalQuality Reporting Service to hospitals to help them meet the quality elements of Meaningful Use reporting. Quality reporting is one of 24 areas of EHR technology that has been designated by CMS for meaningful use.

“Outcome's TotalQuality Reporting Service offers a simple method for providers and hospitals to report quality measures,” said Richard Gliklich, MD, President and CEO of Outcome. “We look forward to working with them to ensure continuous quality improvement in patient care and helping them to qualify for CMS' meaningful use incentive payments.”

Under the HITECH Act portion of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), providers and hospitals are eligible for incentive payments for the “Meaningful Use” of certified health IT products. Hospitals that adopt a certified EHR and

demonstrate meaningful use in 2011 will be able to qualify for their Meaningful Use incentive payments, which can accrue between \$2 million and \$11 million over five years between 2011 and 2015.

To qualify for the 2011 meaningful use quality reporting requirement, hospitals must submit performance data on 15 quality measures for stroke, venous thromboembolism (VTE) and emergency room care. Hospitals using any EHR system can use the Outcome service. Hospitals that are already using the Outcome System® and have collected data through the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke program or Joint Commission Measures can use that data for Meaningful Use reporting, automating some of the data collection process and reducing duplicate data entry. Contact [meaningfuluse@outcome.com](mailto:meaningfuluse@outcome.com) for more information or download the Meaningful Use brochure at <http://www.outcome.com/meaningfuluse.htm>.

The Drummond Group, authorized by the Office of the National Coordinator, conducted the certification process for Outcome. During the testing portion of the certification process, Outcome demonstrated that its reporting service met all the required standards and implementation specifications established by the Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Office of the National Coordinator.

### **About Outcome**

Outcome is the leading provider of patient registries, studies, quality improvement programs, and integrated technologies for evaluating real-world outcomes. Outcome provides services and technologies focused on evaluating the safety, effectiveness, and quality of healthcare products and services. The company has designed, developed, and managed more than 200 patient registries, including many of the largest and most well-recognized programs for disease outcomes and patient safety.

Outcome is also an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) DEcIDE Research Center, a component of the "Effective Health Care" initiative sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Outcome was selected by AHRQ to lead the effort to create the patient registries handbook "Registries for Evaluating Patient Outcomes: A User's Guide," released in May 2007 and updated with a second edition in September 2010. For more information, please visit [www.outcome.com](http://www.outcome.com).