

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact:
PHG Technologies
Brian Moyer
615/370-5014

Community Health Systems, Inc. Selects PHG Technologies To Provide Patient Identification System - EasyID

BRENTWOOD, Tennessee, August 21, 2001: Community Health Systems, Inc. has awarded PHG Technologies a contract to provide their 54 member hospitals with EasyID, a patient identification system. EasyID employs state-of-the-art barcode technology to confirm positive identification and secure confidential patient information.

"EasyID provides us the ability to positively identify our patients and all confidential patient documents. This will assist with our on-going efforts to ensure that all patient information remains confidential", said Tim Marlette, AVP Materials Management at Community Health Systems. "EasyID is a simple, cost-effective means of implementing modern day technology, using computers and laser printers, to replace the age old process of card embossers and imprinters. PHG Technologies was one of the first companies to offer a patient identification product employing barcode capabilities, and has developed an innovative turnkey product with EasyID, which provides software, labels and patient ID wristbands, along with system installation, training and support".

"PHG Technologies is very pleased with the selection of EasyID by Community Health Systems", said Brian Moyer, President, PHG Technologies. "We currently have EasyID installed in five CHS member hospitals, and its success to date has led to this endorsement by CHS as a corporate partner to provide EasyID to all of their facilities".

Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE: [CYH](#); www.chs.net) based in Brentwood, Tennessee, is the leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban markets throughout the United States. CHS operates 54 hospitals in 20 states.

PHG Technologies (www.phgtechnologies.com) based in Brentwood, Tennessee, develops, markets, implements and supports software products to hospitals across the United States. These products include patient charge recovery, purchasing, inventory control, surgery scheduling, capital asset tracking and patient identification.

INDUSTRY KEYWORD: HEALTHCARE SOFTWARE PATIENT ID PATIENT PRIVACY