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Forum Selects Arcadia Solutions for Health Care Quality Project

Baton Rouge, La. – Dec. 2, 2011 – The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum has selected Arcadia Solutions, a leader in data-driven health IT services, to provide the organization with health care quality improvement support.

The Forum will work with Arcadia to identify and define a statewide Quality Improvement and Quality Measurement methodology to accelerate implementation of these initiatives. This methodology will also integrate the accomplishments of the Forum's health IT initiatives: the Louisiana Health Information Technology Resource Center (regional extension center) and LaHIE (health information exchange). In addition, Arcadia will define the health IT tools necessary to improve the quality of health care safety and value to the state's residents.

"Through our partnership with Arcadia, we aim to advance our quality measurement and improvement initiatives," said Cindy Munn, Executive Director of the Forum. "Our shared commitment is to positively impact data and information while guiding Louisiana's providers, payers, purchasers and consumers in making informed health care decisions. We value Arcadia's strategic expertise and experience in quality improvement reporting and look forward to building a unique and integrated reporting system for our state."

Arcadia's data-driven methodology will enable the Forum to manage and report data for quality measurements and improvements, access metrics and cost measurements to improve research efforts for the betterment of Louisiana residents.

"Arcadia understands the complex dynamics of Louisiana's health IT landscape, particularly in light of having worked with many similar state-level programs in the past," said Andrew Principe, Vice President of Healthcare Solutions for Arcadia Solutions. "We feel privileged to have the opportunity to support LHCQF's journey in health IT transformation."

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For more information about the Quality Forum, please visit www.lhcqf.org.

About Arcadia Solutions

Arcadia Solutions is a nationally recognized, leading healthcare consulting firm that engages with both payers and providers to design, implement and manage healthcare information technology/(Health IT) infrastructure and applications. Since 2002, Arcadia's focus on data-driven solutions has allowed clients to more efficiently and cost-effectively manage their information through the right blend of people, processes, technology and strategy. For more information, visit www.arcadiasolutions.com.

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its main areas of focus include quality measurement and analytics, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home/care coordination model, outreach/education and health information technology. The Forum is the state-designated entity to support Louisiana's health care providers and critical access/rural hospitals as they adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records and to lead the planning and implementation of the state's health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhcqf.org.

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