

## The Joint Commission Selects Apervita to Enable Easier Electronic Quality Measure Submission for Hospitals

*Technology reduces the burden on accredited hospitals to submit electronic clinical quality measure data while ensuring regulatory compliance and security*

CHICAGO – November 14, 2017 – The Joint Commission has selected Apervita, a leading health insights company, to enable thousands of accredited hospitals with ORYX® data reporting requirements to directly and more easily submit electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data in 2018, streamlining an annual process required for them to obtain and maintain accreditation.

“Apervita’s unique platform enables The Joint Commission to move toward a goal of simplified, shared quality improvement tools and processes,” said David Baker, MD, MPH, FACP, executive vice president for Health Care Quality Evaluation, The Joint Commission.

“The ability to receive eCQM data submissions directly from our accredited hospitals has been an important goal for several years. The more we can do to reduce the time, cost, and resources associated with data and submissions, the more we can all focus on continuous quality improvement while keeping pace with the ever-changing demands of the measurement environment.”

The Joint Commission’s rollout of Apervita’s Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) for direct eCQM data submission is underway with more than 500 hospitals participating in the initial implementation.

A Technical Advisory Panel of hospital-based leadership and technical experts are providing input to help ensure the direct submission platform and processes operate efficiently and serve the needs of accredited hospitals, which will be required to submit quality data via eCQMs in 2018.

Until recently, most hospitals manually abstracted data from patient records to compile and submit their quality measures for patient care. Others have moved forward in adopting eCQMs that rely on structured, encoded data present in the electronic health record. Since the shift to eCQM data submission began two years ago, The Joint Commission has worked to identify a technology platform that would enable hospitals to directly submit eCQM data without retaining a third-party vendor.

“Like The Joint Commission, Apervita believes health care organizations need to collaborate with others more easily to meet their strategic goals, and they must be empowered to do far more with far less,” said Paul Magelli, CEO of Apervita. “This partnership exemplifies the spirit of industry cooperation by making a required submission process significantly easier for thousands of accredited hospitals and empowering those enterprises with data to improve their performance.

“We look forward to supporting an organization that plays such a critical role in the industry and fulfilling our own mission of enabling the best care everywhere while making the entire health ecosystem more productive.”

**About Apervita**

Apervita is an industry-scale Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) that empowers health enterprises to build, deploy and exchange analytic & data applications easily and affordably in order to get paid, improve performance and provide better care. Unlike traditional software solutions that lock in customers or custom-built solutions that cannot scale, Apervita believes health enterprises demand the independence to deliver many more solutions and collaborate with any number of partners on a platform that they control and manage. Apervita enables networks of healthcare providers, and the businesses they interact with daily, to create repeatable and reusable analytics & data solutions of nearly any kind, accelerating results and productivity for everyone.

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**About The Joint Commission**

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

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