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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**HEALTHSTREAM, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Tennessee**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**62-1443555**  
(I.R.S. Employee  
Identification Number)

**209 10th Avenue South, Suite 450  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203  
(615) 301-3100**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Robert A. Frist, Jr.  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman  
HealthStream, Inc.  
209 10th Avenue South, Suite 450  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203  
(615) 301-3100**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Common Stock, no par value(3)				

- (1) We will determine these amounts from time to time in connection with issuances of common stock registered under this registration statement.
- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, we are deferring payment of the registration fee and will pay the registration fee subsequently in advance or on a "pay-as-you-go basis."
- (3) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of the securities of common stock is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices.

**PROSPECTUS**

**HEALTHSTREAM, INC.**

**Common Stock**

HealthStream, Inc. may offer and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings shares of its common stock, no par value per share, which we refer to as common stock or securities.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. We will provide the specific terms of these securities, including their offering prices, in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any documents we incorporate by reference before you invest.

These securities may be offered and sold directly by us, or by any selling security holder to be identified in any accompanying prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents or directly to purchasers or through a combination of these methods, on a continuous or delayed basis. The applicable prospectus supplement will provide the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the specific terms of the plan of distribution, any over-allotment option and any applicable underwriting discounts and commissions.

HealthStream, Inc. common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “HSTM.”

**Investing in our securities involves risks. See “[Risk Factors](#)” beginning on page 3 of this prospectus. You should also consider the risk factors described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is September 11, 2015.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing the SEC's "shelf" registration rules. Under the shelf registration rules, we and/or one or more selling security holders may, from time to time, sell in one or more offerings, any of the securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may sell. Each time we sell securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read, this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and the additional information described under the headings "Where You Can Find Additional Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference" before making an investment decision. You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any documents we incorporate by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospectus may have changed since that date.

In this prospectus "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" refer to HealthStream, Inc., a Tennessee corporation.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference) contains, and any accompanying prospectus supplement may contain, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. All statements other than statements of historical fact are "forward-looking statements" for purposes of federal and state securities laws. Forward-looking statements include discussions regarding the Company's operating strategy, strategic plan, industry and economic conditions, financial condition, liquidity and capital resources, and results of operations. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "believes," "may," "will," "should," "continue" and similar language or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, though not all forward-looking statements may contain these types of words. Although we believe that the plans, objectives, expectations and prospects reflected in or suggested by our forward-looking statements are reasonable, those statements involve uncertainties and risks, and we cannot assure you that our plans, objectives, expectations and prospects will be achieved. Our actual results could differ materially from the results anticipated by the forward-looking statements as a result of many known and unknown factors, including, but not limited to, those contained in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update or to release publicly any revisions to forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or to reflect the occurrence of changed assumptions, unanticipated events or actual operating results.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act for the securities being offered under this prospectus. This prospectus, which is part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and accompanying exhibits. This prospectus contains descriptions of certain agreements or documents that are exhibits to the registration statement. The statements as to the contents of such exhibits, however, are brief descriptions and are not necessarily complete, and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to such agreement or document. In addition, we file annual, quarterly and other reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our current SEC filings and the registration statement and accompanying exhibits may be inspected without charge at the public reference facilities of the SEC located at 100 F Street, N. E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain copies of this information at prescribed rates. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements, registration statements and other information, including our filings with the SEC. The SEC website address is [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 to obtain further information on the operations of the public reference room. We make available free of charge through our website our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and all amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Our website address is [www.healthstream.com](http://www.healthstream.com). Please note that our website address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, and is therefore not incorporated by reference unless such information is otherwise specifically referenced elsewhere in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus information contained in documents that we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is an important part of this prospectus, and information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we will make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the date that the offering of the securities by means of this prospectus is terminated (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules, including Current Reports on Form 8-K furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 (including any financial statements or exhibits relating thereto furnished pursuant to Item 9.01)):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (including portions of our Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on April 15, 2015 with the SEC to the extent specifically incorporated by reference in such Form 10-K) filed on February 27, 2015;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015 filed on May 1, 2015 and the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015 filed on July 31, 2015;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2015, March 16, 2015 (as amended by our Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on April 14, 2015 and Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on May 18, 2015), April 16, 2015, May 18, 2015, May 22, 2015, May 28, 2015, June 2, 2015, July 1, 2015 and September 11, 2015; and
- The description of our common stock, no par value per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 18, 1999, including all amendments and reports filed for purposes of updating such description.

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You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us as follows:

HealthStream, Inc.,  
209 10th Avenue South, Suite 450,  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Attn: Investor Relations Department  
(615) 301-3100

You may also obtain a copy of these filings from the investor relations section of our Internet web site at <http://www.healthstream.com>. Please note, however, that the information on our Internet web site, other than the documents listed or described above, is not intended to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be considered a part of this prospectus.

### **OUR COMPANY**

We provide workforce, patient experience and provider solutions for healthcare organizations—all designed to assess and develop the people that deliver patient care. Through these methods, our solutions support the improvement of business and clinical outcomes. Our subscription-based workforce products are used by healthcare organizations to meet a broad range of their training, certification, competency, assessment, performance appraisal and development needs. Our patient experience products provide our customers with information about patients' experiences and how to improve them, workforce engagement, physician relations, and community perceptions of their services. Our subscription-based provider products are used by healthcare organizations for provider credentialing, privileging, call center and enrollment needs. Our customers include healthcare organizations, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, as well as other participants in the healthcare industry.

Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, we were incorporated in 1990 and began providing our SaaS-based solutions in 1999 and our survey and research solutions in 2005. HealthStream has evolved from technology-based training to a company providing workforce, patient experience and provider solutions to the nation's healthcare providers.

Our principal executive offices are located at 209 10th Avenue South, Suite 450, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203, and our telephone number at these offices is (615) 301-3100. Our internet address is [www.healthstream.com](http://www.healthstream.com). Please note that our website is provided as an inactive textual reference and the information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves significant risks. You should read and carefully consider the risks and uncertainties and the risk factors set forth in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated, amended or superseded by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in any accompanying prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow and might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities. Much of the business information, as well as the financial and operational data contained in our risk factors, are updated by our periodic reports filed with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, which are also incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The risks that we discuss in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are those we currently believe may materially affect our Company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial also may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Please also refer to the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" herein.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus used to offer our common shares, we expect to use the net proceeds from any offering of securities by us for general corporate purposes, which may include potential acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments. Pending the application of the net proceeds, except to the extent otherwise provided in the accompanying prospectus supplement, we expect to invest the proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing instruments or other investment-grade securities. Additional information on the use of net proceeds from the sale of securities that we may offer from time to time by this prospectus may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering. We will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of securities by selling security holders.

## DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following is a description of our common stock and certain provisions of our Fourth Amended and Restated Charter and Amended and Restated Bylaws and certain provisions of applicable law. The following is only a summary and is qualified by applicable law and by the provisions of our Fourth Amended and Restated Charter and Amended and Restated Bylaws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC and are also available upon request from us. You should read the prospectus supplement, which will contain additional information and which may update or change some of the information below.

### Overview

The authorized capital stock of HealthStream consists of 75 million shares of common stock, no par value. As of September 10, 2015, 31,645,471 shares of HealthStream common stock were outstanding. The Company is authorized to issue up to 10 million shares of preferred stock, no par value, in one or more series, having the relative voting powers, designations, preferences, rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions, and other terms as the Board of Directors may fix in providing for the issuance of such series, without any vote or action of the shareholders.

The outstanding shares of HealthStream common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Holders of HealthStream common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders. Holders of HealthStream common stock do not have pre-emptive rights and are not entitled to cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors. HealthStream common stock is neither redeemable nor convertible into other securities, and there are no sinking fund provisions with respect to the common stock. Holders of HealthStream common stock are entitled to, in the event of liquidation, share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities.

### Election of Directors

The Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter and Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that the Company's Board of Directors is to be divided into three classes as nearly equal in number as possible. Directors are elected by classes to three-year terms, so that approximately one-third of the directors of HealthStream are elected at each annual meeting of the shareholders. In addition, HealthStream's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that the power to increase or decrease the number of directors and to fill vacancies is vested in the HealthStream Board of Directors. The overall effect of these provisions may be to prevent a person or entity from seeking to acquire control of HealthStream through an increase in the number of directors on the HealthStream Board of Directors and the election of designated nominees to fill newly created vacancies.

### Dividends

Holders of HealthStream's common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by HealthStream's Board of Directors out of funds legally available for dividends. HealthStream has never declared or paid any dividends on its common stock.



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### **Supermajority Vote**

HealthStream's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter provides that the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock outstanding and entitled to vote at an election of directors is required to amend or repeal, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with, certain provisions of the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter.

### **Anti-Takeover Statutes**

#### *Tennessee Business Combination Act*

The Tennessee Business Combination Act provides that an interested shareholder (defined as a person owning, either directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting securities in a Tennessee corporation) cannot engage in a business combination with that corporation unless the transaction takes place at least five years after the interested shareholder first becomes an interested shareholder, and unless either the transaction (a) is approved by at least two-thirds of the shares of the corporation not beneficially owned by an interested shareholder and the affiliates and associates of such interested shareholder or (b) satisfies certain fairness conditions specified in the Tennessee Business Combination Act relating to the price to be paid to the non-interested shareholders in such transaction.

These provisions apply to Tennessee corporations unless one of two events occurs. A business combination with an entity can proceed without the five-year moratorium if the business combination or transaction resulting in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder is approved by the target corporation's board of directors before that entity becomes an interested shareholder. Alternatively, the corporation may enact an amendment to its charter or bylaws to remove itself entirely from the Tennessee Business Combination Act. This amendment must be approved by a majority of the shareholders who have held shares for more than one year prior to the vote and may not take effect for at least two years after the vote.

Our Fourth Amended and Restated Charter has not adopted such a provision, and, therefore, we are subject to the Tennessee Business Combination Act.

#### *Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act*

The Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act takes away the voting rights of a purchaser's shares any time an acquisition of shares in a Tennessee corporation brings the purchaser's voting power to 20%, 33-1/3%, or more than 50% of all voting power in such corporation. The purchaser's voting rights can be maintained or re-established only by a majority vote of all the shares entitled to vote generally with respect to the election of directors other than those shares owned by the acquirer and the officers and inside directors of the corporation.

The Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act applies only to a corporation that has adopted a provision in its charter or bylaws declaring that the Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act will apply.

Our Fourth Amended and Restated Charter has not adopted such a provision, and, therefore, we are not subject to the Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act.

#### *Tennessee Greenmail Act*

The Tennessee Greenmail Act prohibits a Tennessee corporation whose stock is registered or traded on a national securities exchange or registered with the SEC, from purchasing, directly or indirectly, any of its shares at a price above the market value of the shares from any person who holds more than 3% of the class of securities to be purchased if such person has held the shares for less than two years, unless the purchase has been approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of each class of voting stock issued by the corporation or the corporation makes an offer, of at least equal value per share, to all holders of shares of the class. Under the

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Tennessee Greenmail Act, the market value of the shares is defined as the average of the highest and lowest closing market price for the shares during the 30 trading days preceding the purchase and sale or preceding the commencement or announcement of a tender offer if the seller of the shares has commenced a tender offer or announced an intention to seek control of the corporation.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and, therefore, is subject to the Tennessee Greenmail Act.

### **Indemnification**

The Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, or TBCA, a director will not be liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of his or her fiduciary duty as a director. Under the TBCA, directors have a fiduciary duty which is not eliminated by this provision in the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter. In some circumstances, equitable remedies such as injunctive or other forms of nonmonetary relief will remain available. In addition, each director will continue to be subject to liability under the TBCA:

- for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its shareholders; or
- for acts or omissions which are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law;
- in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director; and
- for payment of distributions that are prohibited by the TBCA.

The TBCA provides that a corporation may indemnify any director or officer against liability incurred in connection with a proceeding if the director or officer acted in good faith or reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his or her official capacity with the corporation, that the conduct was in the corporation's best interests. In all other civil cases, a corporation must indemnify a director or officer who reasonably believed that his or her conduct was not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. In connection with any criminal proceedings, a corporation may indemnify any director or officer who had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

In actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, however, the TBCA does not allow indemnification if the director or officer is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Similarly, the TBCA prohibits indemnification of a director or officer if the director or officer is adjudged liable in a proceeding because a personal benefit was improperly received.

Under the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter, in cases when the director or officer is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding brought because of his or her status as a director or officer of a corporation, the corporation must indemnify the director or officer against all expense, liability, and loss incurred in the proceeding. Also, the TBCA provides that a court may order a corporation to indemnify a director or officer for reasonable expenses if the court determines that the individual is entitled to mandatory indemnification, or, in consideration of all relevant circumstances, the court determines that the individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification, whether or not the individual acted in good faith or reasonably believed his or her conduct was in the corporation's best interest.

The Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify and advance expenses to its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the TBCA. The Company also maintains insurance to protect any director or officer against any liability and has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors to create a contractual obligation to indemnify its directors. These agreements, among other things,

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indemnify the Company's directors for some expenses, judgments and fines and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by any of these persons in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit proceeding or arbitration or any inquiry, hearing or investigation arising out of the person's services as the Company's director.

**Transfer Agent**

ComputerShare Trust Company, N.A., serves as the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

### General

We and/or one or more selling security holders may offer and sell securities in one or more transactions from time to time to or through underwriters, who may act as principals or agents, directly to other purchasers or through agents to other purchasers or through any combination of these methods.

A prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering of securities will include the following information, as applicable:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters or agents;
- the purchase price of the securities;
- the net proceeds to us from the sale of the securities;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation;
- any initial public offering price;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

### Underwriting Compensation

We and/or one or more selling security holders may offer these securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or through underwriters without an underwriting syndicate. If underwriters are used for the sale of securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, including in negotiated transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. In connection with any such underwritten sale of securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us or from purchasers for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell securities to or through dealers, and the dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents.

If we use an underwriter or underwriters in the sale of particular securities, we will execute an underwriting agreement with those underwriters at the time of sale of those securities. The names of the underwriters will be set forth in the prospectus supplement used by the underwriters to sell those securities. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering of securities, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to customary conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered if any of the securities are purchased.

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on the resale of securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

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**Indemnification**

We may enter agreements under which underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against various liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribution with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make.

**Related Transactions**

Underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of securities, and their affiliates, may perform various commercial banking and investment banking services for us from time to time in the ordinary course of business.

**Delayed Delivery Contracts**

We may authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by institutions to purchase securities from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. These institutions may include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases we must approve these institutions. The obligations of any purchaser under any of these contracts will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the securities will not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of these contracts.

**Price Stabilization and Short Positions**

If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale, until the distribution of the securities is completed, rules of the SEC may limit the ability of any underwriters to bid for and purchase the securities. As an exception to these rules, representatives of any underwriters are permitted to engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the securities. These transactions may consist of bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities. If the underwriters create a short position in the securities in connection with the offering (that is, if they sell more securities than are set forth on the cover page of the prospectus supplement) the representatives of the underwriters may reduce that short position by purchasing securities in the open market.

We make no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the securities. In addition, we make no representation that the representatives of any underwriters will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee. If the validity of the securities offered hereby in connection with offerings made pursuant to this prospectus are passed upon by counsel for the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, such counsel will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of HealthStream, Inc. appearing in its Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2015, and the effectiveness of HealthStream, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of

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December 31, 2014, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the respective dates (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of HealthLine Systems, Inc. (the predecessor in interest to HealthLine Systems LLC) and its subsidiaries as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of LBMC PC, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following is a statement of the estimated expenses, to be paid solely by the registrant, of the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby:

	Amount To be Paid
SEC registration fee	\$ (1)
Printing expenses	\$ (2)
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ (2)
Legal fees and expenses	\$ (2)
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ (2)
Total	\$ (2)

- (1) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), we are deferring payment of the registration fee.
- (2) As the amount of securities to be issued, offered and sold pursuant to this registration statement is indeterminate, the actual amount of such fees and expenses cannot be estimated at this time. An estimate of the aggregate amount of these expenses will be reflected in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

The Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by the TBCA, a director will not be liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of his or her fiduciary duty as a director. Under the TBCA, directors have a fiduciary duty which is not eliminated by this provision in the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter. In some circumstances, equitable remedies such as injunctive or other forms of nonmonetary relief will remain available. In addition, each director will continue to be subject to liability under the TBCA:

- for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its shareholders;
- for acts or omissions which are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law;
- in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director; and
- for payment of distributions that are prohibited by the TBCA.

The TBCA provides that a corporation may indemnify any director or officer against liability incurred in connection with a proceeding if the director or officer acted in good faith or reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his or her official capacity with the corporation, that the conduct was in the corporation's best interests. In all other civil cases, a corporation must indemnify a director or officer who reasonably believed that his or her conduct was not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. In connection with any criminal proceedings, a corporation may indemnify any director or officer who had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

In actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, however, the TBCA does not allow indemnification if the director or officer is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Similarly, the TBCA prohibits indemnification of a director or officer if the director or officer is adjudged liable in a proceeding because a personal benefit was improperly received.

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Under the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter, in cases when the director or officer is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding brought because of his or her status as a director or officer of a corporation, the corporation must indemnify the director or officer against all expense, liability, and loss incurred in the proceeding. Also, the TBCA provides that a court may order a corporation to indemnify a director or officer for reasonable expenses if the court determines that the individual is entitled to mandatory indemnification, or, in consideration of all relevant circumstances, the court determines that the individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification, whether or not the individual acted in good faith or reasonably believed his or her conduct was in the corporation's best interest.

The Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify and advance expenses to its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the TBCA. The Company also maintains insurance to protect any director or officer against any liability and has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors to create a contractual obligation to indemnify its directors. These agreements, among other things, indemnify the Company's directors for some expenses, judgments and fines and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by any of these persons in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit proceeding or arbitration or any inquiry, hearing or investigation arising out of the person's services as the Company's director.

### **Item 16. Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2005, by and among HealthStream, Inc., Mel B. Thompson and Data Management & Research, Inc. (1)
2.2	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2007, by and among HealthStream, Inc., The Jackson Organization, Research Consultants, Inc., David Jackson and the Jackson Charitable Remainder Trust (2)
2.3	Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2015, between HealthStream, Inc., Littrell Holdings, Inc., HealthLine Systems, Inc., the Shareholders of HealthLine Systems, Inc., and Dan Littrell in his individual capacity and as the Shareholders Representative.(3)
3.1	Fourth Amended and Restated Charter of HealthStream, Inc. (4)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of HealthStream, Inc. (4)
4.1	Specimen of Common Stock Certificate (4)
5.1	Opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC**
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP**
23.2	Consent of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (included in Exhibit 5.1 filed herewith)
23.3	Consent of LBMC, PC**
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature pages of this registration statement)
(1)	Incorporated by reference from exhibit filed on our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 29, 2005.
(2)	Incorporated by reference from exhibit filed on our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 12, 2007
(3)	Incorporated by reference from exhibit filed on our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated February 13, 2015.
(4)	Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (Reg. No. 333-88939).



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- \* To be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K or other document incorporated by reference herein or to a post-effective amendment hereto, if applicable.
- \*\* Filed herewith.

### **Item 17. Undertakings**

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(a)(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however, that*

(1) Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first

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used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Nashville, State of Tennessee, on September 11, 2015.

HEALTHSTREAM, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert A. Frist, Jr.

Robert A. Frist, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer



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September 11, 2015

HealthStream, Inc.  
209 10th Avenue South, Suite 450  
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Re: Shelf Registration Statement of HealthStream, Inc. on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to HealthStream, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Company"), in connection with its filing of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), including the prospectus constituting a part thereof (the "Prospectus"), filed on September 11, 2015, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). We have been requested by the Company to render this opinion in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement.

The Prospectus provides that it will be supplemented in the future by one or more supplements to the Prospectus (each a "Prospectus Supplement"). The Prospectus, as supplemented by various Prospectus Supplements, will provide for the registration by the Company of an indeterminate amount of shares of common stock, no par value per share (the "Common Stock").

In rendering our opinion, we have reviewed the Registration Statement and the exhibits thereto. We have also reviewed such corporate documents and records of the Company, such certificates of public officials and such other matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion. We also have been furnished with, and with your consent have relied upon, a certificate of an officer of the Company with respect to certain factual matters.

We have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures, the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, facsimile, conformed, digitally scanned or photostatic copies and the legal capacities of all natural persons.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth herein, we are of the opinion that: (a) upon adoption by the Board of Directors of the Company of a resolution in form and content as required by applicable law authorizing the issuance and sale of the shares of Common Stock, and (b) assuming that the Registration Statement and any required post-effective amendment(s) thereto and any and all Prospectus Supplement(s) required by applicable laws have become, and at such time remain, effective under the Securities Act and (c) assuming that upon the issuance of such shares of Common

Stock, the total number of issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Charter, as amended, then upon issuance and delivery of and payment for such shares in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the related Prospectus Supplement(s) and by such resolution, such shares of Common Stock being issued by the Company, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Our opinions expressed herein are limited to the laws of the State of Tennessee and the federal laws of the United States of America. We do not express any opinion with respect to the law of any other jurisdiction or to the securities or "blue sky" laws of any jurisdiction.

Our opinion is rendered as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to advise you of changes in law or fact (or the effect thereof on the opinions expressed herein) that hereafter may come to our attention.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and to the use of our name therein and in the related Prospectus under the caption "Legal Matters." In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bass, Berry & Sims PLC

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” in the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of HealthStream, Inc. for the registration of common stock and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated February 27, 2015, except for the first paragraph of Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Note 6 – Goodwill and Note 8 – Business Segments, as to which the date is May 18, 2015, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of HealthStream, Inc., and our report dated February 27, 2015, with respect to the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of HealthStream, Inc., included in its Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Nashville, Tennessee  
September 11, 2015

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We have issued our report dated April 7, 2015 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of HealthLine Systems, Inc. (the predecessor in interest to HealthLine Systems, LLC) and Subsidiaries as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, included in the Form 8-K/A of HealthStream, Inc. filed on April 14, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement and Prospectus on Form S-3 of HealthStream, Inc. of the aforementioned report, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ LBMC, PC

Brentwood, Tennessee  
September 11, 2015