



HealthStream and Essential Learning Partner to Deliver Behavioral Health Courseware Library

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct 21, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- HealthStream, Inc. (NASDAQ: HSTM), a leading provider of healthcare research and learning solutions, today announced that it has partnered with Essential Learning, the largest provider of e-learning services in the behavioral health and human services industry, to offer Essential Learning's online behavioral health library to its customers. The courseware will be available for purchase by healthcare organizations, whose employees train on the HealthStream Learning Center(R) (HLC), HealthStream's learning platform.

Developed by industry-leading subject matter experts, the behavioral health library from Essential Learning is a collection of over 40 online courses designed to train employees on the most current regulations and standards of practice. The interactive courses accommodate various learning styles and contain pre- and post-tests to measure comprehension. This library is designed to help behavioral health organizations reduce risks, increase employee competency, and remain compliant.

"We are delighted to partner with HealthStream to deliver our top-notch training on important clinical and recovery topics in behavioral health," said Sue Erskine, chief executive officer and chief operations officer, Essential Learning. "HealthStream's reach into the hospital industry, coupled with their status as the "go to" source for solving big problems through learning in healthcare organizations, supports our long-standing objective to deliver premier training to healthcare professionals."

The behavioral health library spans a wide range of topics for both clinical and non-clinical employees in behavioral health organizations. Examples include courses on Alzheimer's disease, bipolar disorder, adolescent suicide, client rights, and personality disorders. Delivered via the Internet, this learning pedagogy grants maximum flexibility--a significant advantage for hospital staff, who are often faced with challenging schedules and unpredictable work shifts.

"It is our goal to consistently offer our customers the best-in-class courseware--and I believe we are doing this for behavioral healthcare professionals through our new partnership with Essential Learning," said Robert A. Frist, Jr., president and chief executive officer, HealthStream.

About HealthStream

HealthStream (NASDAQ: HSTM) is a leading provider of research and learning solutions for the healthcare industry, transforming insight into action to deliver outcomes-based results for healthcare organizations. Through HealthStream's learning solutions--which have been contracted by over 1.7 million hospital-based healthcare professionals--healthcare organizations create safer environments for patients, increase clinical competencies of their workforces, and facilitate the rapid transfer of the latest knowledge and technologies. Through our research products, executives from healthcare organizations gain valuable insight about patients' experiences, workforce challenges, physician relations, and community perceptions of their services. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, HealthStream has two satellite offices. For more information about HealthStream's learning and research solutions, visit www.healthstream.com or call us at 800-933-9293.

About Essential Learning

Essential Learning, based in San Diego, California, serves more than 450 organizations, governmental agencies and trade associations in 46 states and is the exclusive e-learning partner of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Child Welfare League of America and 42 other state and national trade associations. Essential Learning provides a web-based Organizational Learning Management System and Community Access Site on a subscription basis and makes e-learning affordable for non-profit human service agencies. For more information about Essential Learning, visit www.essentiallearning.com or call 1-800-729-9198.

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