CSMS, KHS Partner on Physician-led Health Information Network for Connecticut

TOPEKA, Kan., March 29, 2017   In support of its mission to improve the quality of care and safeguard the health of patients, the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) is pleased to announce a new partnership with KaMMCO Health Solutions (KHS) to establish a statewide, physician-led health information network.

This new health information network, also known as a health information exchange, will allow connected physicians, hospitals and other providers to share patient information, employing powerful analytic tools designed to help improve clinical outcomes, reduce inefficiencies, and positively impact patient safety. A launch of the new CSMS-endorsed entity is anticipated late summer 2017. By providing interoperability and development of actionable intelligence through analytics, the health information network will provide physicians with the tools to succeed in the new performance-based healthcare delivery and payment models.

“Connecticut physicians have been waiting for some time to have a functioning interoperable system,” said CSMS President Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD. “We know that the electronic exchange of medical information improves health outcomes by giving physicians the right information at the right time. Care is better when we are connected.”

“By partnering with KHS, we benefit from a proven model developed by Kansas Health Information Network (KHIN), as well as the analytics tools developed based upon input and feedback from a pilot group of physicians and hospitals. Tools such as these benefit patients at the point of care, and support physicians and other healthcare professionals transitioning to the MIPS era under the MACRA law,” said CSMS Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Katz.

KHS President and Chief Executive Officer Kurt Scott shared, “We are honored to partner with CSMS to develop this health information network and provide integral business intelligence tools to the healthcare community of Connecticut. Two organizations with healthcare provider
advocacy at their very core will be collaborating to build a dynamic network of healthcare solutions.”

About KaMMCO Health Solutions, Inc.
KaMMCO Health Solutions, Inc. is a provider-led subsidiary of the Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Company, KaMMCO, a medical professional liability insurer affiliated with the Kansas Medical Society. The KHS provider-led approach uniquely positions the organization to help physicians, other healthcare providers, integrated delivery networks, accountable care organizations, and others seeking to improve patient outcomes while adapting to the new performance-based payment models through the use of data analytics and business intelligence tools. KHS is led by President and Chief Executive Officer, Kurt Scott.

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About Connecticut State Medical Society
One of the nation’s oldest medical societies, the Connecticut State Medical Society was founded in 1792 and serves more than 6,000 physicians across the state. The mission of CSMS is to be the voice of all Connecticut physicians; to lead physicians in advocacy; to promote the profession of medicine; to improve the quality of care; and to safeguard the health of our patients.

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