



Foothold Technology Announces Partnership with InterSystems to Provide Electronic Health Record Solutions for Behavioral Health, Human Services Providers

Interoperability Center to ensure secure, HIPAA-compliant health data exchange for "whole person" care approach for populations most at need

NEW YORK, August 8, 2013 – [Foothold Technology](#), a leading provider of electronic health record (EHR) software for behavioral health and human service providers, announced a new partnership with [InterSystems](#), a global leader in software for connected care. Foothold will use the [InterSystems HealthShare®](#) strategic informatics platform to enable interoperability with regional health information exchanges (HIEs), human service agencies, and healthcare providers nationwide using Foothold's [AWARDS](#) behavioral health software for human service providers.

The partnership coincides with Foothold's preparations to launch its **Interoperability Center** in the fall of 2013. The Foothold Interoperability Center will enable healthcare providers in a Health Home or other Continuum of Care settings to participate in safe, secure, HIPAA-compliant data exchanges using Foothold's AWARDS software.

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 created an optional Medicaid State Plan benefit for states to establish Health Homes to coordinate care for people with Medicaid who have chronic conditions. Health Homes are care providers that operate under a "whole-person" philosophy – by integrating and coordinating all primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term services and support to treat the whole person.

"Our partnership with InterSystems aligns with our commitment to liberate human service providers from the burdens of recordkeeping, offering them the freedom to focus on their missions," said Marlowe Greenberg, Foothold's founder and CEO. "As the landscape of healthcare changes rapidly, we are preparing our clients to face the challenges ahead with the most advanced technology available. Many of the agencies we serve would not be able to afford this level of sophistication on their own, but can leverage our product and service as part of a larger community."

Paul Grabscheid, Vice President of Strategic Planning at InterSystems, said, “Foothold Technology has the high standards of excellence and customer focus that we look for in our partners. We are pleased to work with Foothold to support the interoperability and data exchange needs for a new community of behavioral healthcare providers, further extending the benefits of connected healthcare.”

About Foothold Technology

Foothold Technology offers web-based software developed specifically for behavioral health and human service providers. More than 600 agencies across the nation count on Foothold’s AWARDS software to manage services including Mental Health, Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Developmental Disabilities, Homeless & Housing, Employment & Training, Youth & Family, and more. With origins and roots in social services, AWARDS is a complete Electronic Health Record that also supports administrative activities, including facilities maintenance, human resources, scheduling and alerts, audit reports, and automated billing. AWARDS is certified for Meaningful Use. For more information, visit www.footholdtechnology.com.

About InterSystems

InterSystems is a global leader in software for connected care, with headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and offices in 25 countries. [InterSystems HealthShare®](#) is a strategic platform for healthcare informatics, enabling information exchange and active analytics across a hospital network, community, region or nation. [InterSystems CACHÉ®](#) is the world’s most widely used database system in healthcare applications. [InterSystems Ensemble®](#) is a platform for rapid integration and the development of connectable applications. InterSystems’ products are used by thousands of hospitals and laboratories worldwide, including all of the top 15 hospitals on the Honor Roll of America’s Best Hospitals as rated by *U.S. News and World Report*. For more information, visit InterSystems.com.

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