

Graduates of Oncology Data Management Program Strengthen Vermont Workforce and Economy

BURLINGTON, VT— On Thursday, March 30, nThrive, an independent Patient-to-Payment[™] solutions company, and Vermont HITEC, a not-for-profit education center, celebrate the graduation and official on-boarding of nine Oncology Data Management (ODM) Specialists, who recently completed an intensive pre-apprenticeship education program. While the students have been employed by nThrive since the program began in October 2016, graduation marks the start of their one-year apprenticeship and continued mentoring with the company.

The nThrive program offers no-cost training to the successful applicants, competitive wage and benefits, and the advantage of working from home. No prior health care experience is needed to apply, although candidates are required to have an Associate Degree or 60 college credits. ODM Specialists maintain databases of information that health care professionals use to research cancer prevention and treatment methods.

"The expansion of this partnership program into the oncology data management field is an opportunity for nThrive to help build strong, healthy communities through the provision of meaningful careers for residents," notes nThrive CEO Joel Hackney. "Our partnership is directly in line with the nThrive goal to empower health care for every one in every community."

This is the third collaborative program offered by the two entities; the first two programs successfully resulted in employment of 33 Vermont residents as medical coders. Vermont HITEC has partnered with businesses to employ more than 1,000 individuals in the health care, information technology and advanced manufacturing fields. The program is funded in part by the US Department of Labor, the Vermont Department of Labor, and the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

"We are so pleased that nThrive has chosen to bring these jobs to Vermont, and to partner with our Agency of Commerce, Vermont Department of Labor, and Vermont HITEC to train Vermonters in this high-demand, high-growth area of business services," said Mike Schirling, Secretary for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. "This is a great example of private-public partnership, and has led to 70 new jobs for Vermont over the past two years – and more job growth potential here in Vermont."

Attending students' graduation are their families, nThrive leadership and colleagues, state representatives and past graduates. Representatives from all partners of the initiative will be available to answer questions from the press.

About nThrive

From Patient-to-PaymentSM, nThrive provides all the technology, advisory expertise, services, analytics and education programs health care organizations need to thrive in the communities they serve. Formerly known as MedAssets, Precyse and Equation, nThrive is built on a legacy of excellence. Most recently, nThrive acquired two leaders in their fields, Adreima – a provider of patient-centered, clinically integrated revenue cycle services that help patients find coverage and meet their financial obligations – and e4e Healthcare Services – a business process

outsourcing company. The five organizations together combine top talent and capabilities in the health care industry into a single enterprise. www.nthrive.com