

New NurseCaller™ For Home Health Care Providers Offers Early Warning For Corona & Flu Virus

Simple, Self-Contained Help Alert Button Allows Patients to Communicate with Caregivers to Report Potentially Deadly Corona & Flu Viruses For the Elderly and Chronically Ill.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. March 10, 2020 – The facts are undisputed. Those at highest risk of infection from influenza viruses are the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions. The latest outbreak of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is following the same pattern, and early reports indicate it may be significantly more deadly.

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) estimates that influenza has resulted in between 9 million and 45 million illnesses; 140,000 and 810,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 and 61,000 deaths annually since 2010.

The death rate from seasonal flu is typically around 0.1% in the U.S., according to The New York Times. The death rate for COVID-19 appears to be higher than that of the flu. In the study published Feb. 18, 2020, in the China CDC Weekly, researchers found a death rate from COVID-19 to be around 2.3% in mainland China.

For patients who have potentially contracted COVID-19, early detection and treatment are imperative.

Originally developed and pioneered by Homestead Health, the NurseCaller™ is a revolutionary wearable device designed to give home health patients the means to directly call and/or text their visiting nurse, home health provider or a 24/7 nurse assist hotline anytime — all with the simple press of a button.

Additionally, the 4G LTE-powered NurseCaller™ empowers home health patients to immediately and directly contact their home health caregivers anywhere, anytime — and not just from within their homes — if they are concerned they're exhibiting early symptoms of the new virus. With early detection, the chances for a positive outcome are much higher. And, patients can easily alert their home health provider to problems or situations before involving an EMS dispatch, emergency department visit and resulting hospital admission.

With this improved connection to their caregivers, patients are able to communicate routine questions about their medical condition, confirm medications, schedule/reschedule follow-up appointments, report a worsening condition, or — in emergency situations — request urgent nurse assistance. This innovative Call-Us-First™ program only from Homestead Health helps educate patients on how and when to use their NurseCaller™ button.

A recently released white paper by Homestead Health explores the broad range of benefits Proactive Telecare™ is proving to patients and their healthcare providers. These include preventing avoidable hospital re-admissions, reducing unnecessary emergency room visits, eliminating Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) readmission penalties, improving CMS home health care patient satisfaction ratings (HHCAHPS), maximizing patient engagement and improve positive patient outcomes.

Avoiding unplanned emergency room visits by addressing the medical issues at the patient's home can prevent the resulting costly hospital admission, saving healthcare providers more than \$15,000 for each occurrence. Home health agencies who utilize this technology are much more likely to be the recipient of medical professionals, payors and health system client

referrals.

Best of all, for just fifty cents a day, most home health care agencies can easily afford to provide NurseCallers™ to all their home health patients not just as a preventative measure against COVID-19, but from multiple other chronic conditions such as CHF, COPD, diabetes or those who are classified as high re-admission risk clients.

The NurseCaller™ is low cost and almost immediate return-on-investment.

At typical rates, if a home health care provider can reduce its 30-day hospital readmission rate by just 1.52 fewer readmissions per 100 high-risk patients one readmission, then the NurseCaller™ Proactive Telecare™ solution quickly pays for itself – and more.

Healthcare providers can obtain a free copy of the complete [How Proactive Telecare Is Transforming Home Healthcare](#) white paper plus the [Accessible Home Health Care – Houston](#) case study. The complete CareCaller™ information kit is available for viewing and download on the [Homestead Health](#) web site.

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