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SYBE Addresses Survey Reporting That Half of Primary-Care Doctors Would Leave Medicine Due to Insurance and Government Red Tape

LOS ANGELES-(Business Wire)-January 14, 2009 - In a November 18, 2008 article by CNN.Com/Health a survey released by the Physician's Foundation indicate half (49%) of US primary-care physicians responding say they would seriously consider getting out of the medical business within the next three years if they had an alternative.



The survey was developed to find the reason for a noticeable departure of family doctors and interns. It was sent to more than 270,000 primary-care doctors and more than 50,000 specialists nationwide according to the article.

Of the 12,000 respondents, 49 percent said they'd consider leaving medicine. According to many of the respondents the main reason was not the lack of or excess of patients. It was the overwhelming red tape generated by insurance and government agencies. It is predicted that by 2025 there could be a shortage of 35,000 to 40,000 primary-care physicians due to the paperwork frustration realized by doctors.

Today's doctors are often spending more time on paperwork than patients. Their practices are turning from medicine to trying to manage accounting and paperwork associated with a small business. Realizing this no-win scenario, more and more physicians are outsourcing this headache to firms such as SYBE Medical Management (SYBE) based in Los Angeles.

"The results of this survey are not surprising," says Steven Garrett, manager, SYBE Medical Management. "For the past eight years we have experienced growth, with a 20 percent increase in a 2008 economy not known for much growth in any market."

SYBE is a medical billing firm that provides health care professionals maximum efficiency and organization for their medical billing and coding needs, providing all medical billing services including insurance and patient billing, collections, management and consulting. This growing service simply allows the physician to focus on practicing medicine and not paperwork. The physician's bottom line is improved by the ability to have more time for patients.

"We are extremely pleased with turning over our patient billing and government and insurance company red tape to SYBE," says Richard Johnson, M.D. of Pacific Palisades Medical Group located in Pacific Palisades, California. "This type of service not only provides billing efficiency and keeps the accounts receivable in line; it also enables our doctors to have more time seeing patients. And that is the true nature of our business: to help patients."

For a better understanding of services provided by outsourcing medical billing and collections visit www.sybe.com or call (310) 348-5500 or email Steven Garrett, manager, at sgarrett@sybe.com

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