

## Employer Fact Sheet

- Employers play a significant role in health care, as they have a great deal to gain from increased quality and more efficient delivery of care for their employees.
- According to the National Coalition on Health Care, health insurance expenses are the fastest growing cost component for employers. In fact, since 2000, employment-based health insurance premiums have increased 100 percent.
- Private sector companies know the value of investing in information technology to increase productivity and decrease costs. These same principles apply in health care, with IT improving the delivery and quality of care while controlling costs.
- **currentcare** will reduce inefficiency and decrease the number of errors, which will, in turn, affect the rate of increase of health care costs for both employers and employees.
- **currentcare** will increase employee and corporate productivity by avoiding unnecessary duplicate tests and reducing expense incurred due to poor coordination of care.
- **currentcare** will improve continuity of care and promote wellness, which will give Rhode Island a healthier workforce with fewer employee sick days.
- **currentcare** will help employees receive better, faster, safer treatment, especially in an emergency.
- Employers, particularly self-insured employers and their employees who bear 100 percent of health care costs, can realize measurable benefits with every cost reduction, such as fewer repeated tests, duplicate prescriptions, medical errors and adverse drug reactions.
- Investment in **currentcare** will pay for itself. The Boston Consulting Group has estimated that, once fully operational, **currentcare** has a total annual valuation creation potential of \$108 million across Rhode Island's health care system. In addition, there is no cost to sign up for **currentcare**.
- **currentcare** is the industry-accepted way that patient information be exchanged among health care providers, systems and organizations in Rhode Island.
- When fully functional, **currentcare** could act as the "interstate highway system for the medical economy," supporting advances such as chronic disease management, sophisticated fraud and abuse detection, medical home models and medical error reduction. With consumer consent, it could bring new opportunities for cutting edge research programs.

You can help make **currentcare** a success by encouraging your employees to sign up today. **currentcare** is free for all patients and providers.

For more information, call the **currentcare** information line at 1-888-858-4815, or visit [www.currentcareri.com](http://www.currentcareri.com). **currentcare** representatives Geri Guardino (401-276-9141 x275) and Doug Corey (401-276-9141 x274) are also available to work directly with your business to help sign up your employees.

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