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**BLACKTREE HEALTHCARE CONSULTING ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS AND
EXPANSIONS IN CLINICAL SERVICES**

CONSULTING LEADER EXPANDS CLINICAL FOOTPRINT DERIVED FROM INDUSTRY
REQUIREMENTS

Conshohocken, PA, January 5, 2016 - BlackTree Healthcare Consulting, the leader in post acute healthcare consulting, announced two recent additions to the company's management team and their latest clinical service program. Lisa McClantoc, RN, HCS-D, COS-C was appointed to Director of Clinical Review and Diane Link, RN, MHA was named Senior Clinical Consultant.

"The industry is at a critical crossroads with the advent of value based purchasing in 2016. BlackTree continued to build our Clinical Consulting Services throughout 2015 to offer more clinical experience from new staff hires and the expansions of new programs based on industry requirements." commented Michael Freytag, BlackTree Managing Director. "BlackTree recognized early on the need for expansion in our clinical consulting offerings to better position the firm to fully support our clients' future needs. Adding Diane and Lisa to our clinical team and their respective experience of building and expanding programs supports BlackTree's vision and mission for our clinical department to rapidly expand."

Leading the company's Coding and OASIS Services, Lisa McClantoc is managing all facets of the department from the client discovery phase through delivery of data analytics reports. In order to manage the widely successful department, she will continue to leverage her past experience as a registered nurse certified in OASIS and ICD-10 coding with over 20 years' nursing experience, primarily in the home health sector. Ms. McClantoc is also skilled in client-facing roles, client/staff education and any coding and/or quality assurance settings that require an experience and expertise worthy of consultation.

Diane Link has focused on all clinical consulting engagements outside of the coding arena. These areas include, but are not limited to value based purchasing (VBP) assessments/assistance, ADR management, chart audits, and episode management. Ms. Link comes to BlackTree with over 25 years' experience, primarily in the home health and hospice industry. She is familiar with all aspects of managing home health and hospice organizations ranging from clinical management, episodic management, performance improvement, program development and outcomes management. Ms. Link's past experience includes the Joint Commission (JACHO), Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP), and Accreditation Commission for Healthcare (ACHC) standards has allowed her to help organizations prepare for surveys and develop plans of corrections that meet regulatory standards and improve organizational processes.

In addition to the new hires, BlackTree is expanding their clinical services department with a new program geared towards the new VBP regulations. BlackTree launched a VBP assessment/assistance program which is designed to assist agencies in better understanding the implications of the new VBP regulation. This program has been designed to fit the unique needs of agencies in all phases of implementation.

About BlackTree Healthcare Consulting

BlackTree Healthcare Consulting provides revenue cycle, outsourcing and clinical consulting services exclusively to the healthcare industry. It is BlackTree's goal to partner with their healthcare clients to assist them in better achieving their financial, operational and clinical goals through the delivery of exceptional client-centric consulting services.

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