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## A-Life Hospital Actus® and Ingenix Web.Strat combine to create a comprehensive Computer-assisted Coding (CAC) solution

Ingenix and A-Life Hospital bring together their leading coding technologies to provide you with a sophisticated CAC solution that can help your hospital realize revenue gains by completing coding processes faster and more accurately and accelerating reimbursement payments while reducing administrative costs.

CAC streamlines coding processes to help hospitals improve coder productivity, accuracy, and revenue.



Two industry leaders combine complimentary technologies and strengths to connect Ingenix Web.Strat, a powerful, web-based encoder, with A-Life Hospital Actus® Inpatient and Facility CAC Technology. Together, these tools help hospitals:

- **Decrease coding time, resulting in fewer A/R days and a faster revenue cycle**
- **Improve accuracy to reduce denials and increase Case Mix Index (CMI)**
- **Address issues of regulatory compliance and appropriate reimbursement**

### Maximize coder efficiency Improve coding quality

What if you could reduce the time it takes to complete a case and submit bills faster? Actus streamlines coder workflow to ease coding backlog, reducing or eliminating coder overtime or the need to contract additional coders. Actus' CAC software and patented LifeCode Natural Language Processing (NLP) engine identifies and generates the codes for the coders to review and approve, freeing coders to focus on the more complex aspects of coding. This can help increase coder productivity by more than 20 percent, which translates into significant cost savings, improvements in the revenue cycle, and timely reimbursements. Web.Strat's clinical resources, editing, and grouping/pricing tools are easily accessible in the workflow to help coders work more effectively.

Automatically generated ICD-9 and CPT® codes result in increased consistency among coders which improves accuracy and quality. Actus technology reads electronic documents and highlights all pertinent medical terminology to capture diagnosis and procedures that may have been overlooked in the traditional coding process—a focus that is particularly beneficial within complicated inpatient cases that have extensive records. And, because it correctly captures CCs and MCCs, it can help you improve your CMI. Coders use Web.Strat to easily assign codes for scanned or handwritten documentation which can then be linked to the code assigned and saved as an electronic audit trail.

**To learn more about how the combination of Actus Inpatient and Facility and Web.Strat can improve your organization's coding productivity and accuracy while enhancing the revenue cycle, call (800) 765-6034 or email [ingenuity@ingenix.com](mailto:ingenuity@ingenix.com).**

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## Proprietary NLP technology

A-Life Hospital's CAC products, Actus Inpatient and Facility, feature proprietary LifeCode NLP technology which deciphers the meaning and context of words in clinical documentation and recommends relevant ICD-9 and CPT® codes. Actus' LifeCode NLP engine doesn't just search for word matches—it actually “understands” the meaning and context of the English language. This advanced technology results in a simpler, more efficient and precise method for automated coding.

## Extensive edits and resources in Web.Strat

Using Ingenix Web.Strat in conjunction with Actus boosts accuracy by giving coders access to better edits and resources to conduct additional research or to validate CAC-generated codes before completing a case. Web.Strat utilizes grouping and modeling to facilitate accurate DRG-APC assignment. In addition, Web.Strat gives coders the flexibility to use either a fully-functioning book-based encoding tool to find medical codes, or a phrase-based-logic encoding tool that provides code matches as they send a search term that was highlighted within Actus or enter descriptions into a search field.

## Enhance regulatory compliance and RAC readiness

Computer-assisted coding uses sophisticated NLP technology to automatically generate a set of ICD-9 and CPT® codes for review and validation based on text clinical documentation. By providing automatic audit trails and links to documentation for every code selected, it helps to support Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) initiatives and other CMS programs. The Actus applications understand both the complexity and context of clinical documentation, facilitating accurate code assignment. Web.Strat's optional compliance module enhances regulatory compliance by increasing accurate, timely, and consistent coding practices within your organization and providing MS-DRG and RAC-focused edits to help minimize denials.

## Ease transition to ICD-10

Due to ICD-10's higher degree of specificity; Actus' NLP technology can support accurate code selection. Its sophisticated technology will mine medical reports, assign codes, and present them to coders who then review and approve. This process also helps coders familiarize themselves with the vast amount of new data as they work. For example, ICD-10 includes more than 155,000 codes, in comparison, ICD-9 has 17,000.

## Key Benefits

Available for both Inpatient and Facility outpatient applications, this partnership brings together two industry-leading technologies to help organizations:

### Increase Productivity

- A decrease in coding time results in an eliminated or decreased coding backlog and a lower Discharged Not Final Billed (DNFB) rate

### Improve Accuracy

- Automatic edits boost coder accuracy and capture diagnosis and procedures including CCs and MCCs to reduce denials and rework and improve reimbursement. In addition, the improved accuracy leads to improved CMI

### Increase Revenue

- Drop bills faster for a shorter time to revenue and lower A/R days

### Reduce Expenses

- A decrease in coder overtime and the use of contract coders helps lower administrative costs

### Improve Compliance

- Links to documentation for every code selected result in an improved audit trail in support of the RAC program and other CMS audits

### Transition to ICD-10

- Actus understands the meaning and context of the English language to help coders transition more easily to ICD-10, a much larger and complex code set

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