



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Summa Health System Secures Access to Electronic Medical Records with BIO-key® Fingerprint Biometrics**

*Transitions from L-1/Identix to BIO-key Fingerprint Biometric Solution Maintains Compliance with Ohio Pharmacy Board Two-Factor Authentication Requirements*

WALL, NJ, July 20, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- BIO-key International, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: BKYI.OB), a leader in finger biometric identification solutions announced the successful deployment by Summa Health System, of BIO-key's fingerprint biometrics for compliance with strong authentication as required by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.

Summa Health System is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery systems in Ohio and encompasses a network of hospitals and community-based health centers, a health plan, a physician-hospital organization, an entrepreneurial entity, research and medical education and multiple foundations. Summa is nationally renowned for excellence in patient care and for exceptional approaches to healthcare delivery and represents more than 2,000 licensed, inpatient beds on multiple hospital campuses.

"Our mission is to provide the highest-quality, compassionate care to our patients and to contribute to a healthier community," said Charles Ross, M.D., chief medical information officer at Summa Health System. "Upgrading from our older L-1/Identix fingerprint identification system to BIO-key's solution was fast and easy because we were able to utilize all of the existing Identix biometric fingerprint readers that our staff was already trained and comfortable in using. Also, not having to replace our existing fingerprint readers represented a significant savings to our organization," added Ross.

"BIO-key's solution provides Summa with greater flexibility since we offer complete reader interoperability and as their system evolves and grows, Summa can add fingerprint readers from any of the major fingerprint reader manufacturers that can be used interchangeably with each other and their existing L1-Identix readers." commented Mike DePasquale, CEO of BIO-key International. "Our biometric fingerprint identification complies with the Ohio Pharmacy Board two-factor authentication requirements."

BIO-key offers a compatible and seamless solution for L-1/Identix users seeking to incorporate a biometric element as part of the identification and authentication process. In the case of Summa Health Systems, BIO-key's, Positive ID Director for Allscripts Sunrise Clinical Manager platform as the biometric technology solution. ([Allscripts Information Link](#))

### **About BIO-key**

BIO-key International, Inc., headquartered in Wall, New Jersey, develops and delivers advanced identification solutions to commercial and government enterprises, integrators, and custom application developers. BIO-key's award winning, high performance, scalable, cost-effective and easy-to-deploy biometric finger identification technology accurately identifies and authenticates users of wireless and enterprise applications. Our solutions are used in local embedded OEM products as well as some of the world's largest identification deployments to improve security, guarantee identity, and help reduce identity theft. BIO-key's technology is offered directly or by market leading partners around the world. (<http://www.bio-key.com>)

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