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Esse Health Hires New Director of Coding, Compliance and Health Information

ST. LOUIS – Erin Stamm, who holds a master's degree in business administration and is a Registered Health Information Administrator, has joined Esse Health as the new director of Coding, Compliance and Health Information.

Stamm will be the internal project manager for the implementation of Esse Health's new practice management and electronic medical records system. She also will lead the auditing/coding education department.

Prior to joining Esse Health, Stamm was an administrator of health information management at Washington University School of Medicine Department of Orthopedics. Stamm completed her master's degree in business administration and Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management from St. Louis University. She currently volunteers as a coach for Girls on the Run St. Louis.

About Esse Health:

Esse Health is a St. Louis-based physician group that strives to improve the overall well-being of its patients through patient education, lifestyle modification and prevention. With 28 locations throughout the St. Louis and Metro East area, Esse Health's services include asthma, allergy and immunology, family medicine, internal medicine, nutrition, pediatrics and radiology. Esse Health is recognized as a leader in using technology in health care and physician accountability for both quality and cost-of-care. For more information on Esse Health, visit <u>www.essehealth.com</u>.

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