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INSIDE THE DEAL

ABRAMSON CENTER TESTING REMOTE MONITORING SYSTEM

The partners: The Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, a long-term care and senior services provider in Horsham and Intel-GE Care Innovations, a joint venture between Intel Corp. and GE Healthcare.

What they are doing: Studying the effectiveness of remote monitoring in the home of patients, post-discharge, diagnosed with cardiac and pulmonary disease.

How they are doing it: Using Health Harmony, a Web-based technology

developed by Care Innovations to enable patients, clinicians, care providers, and family caregivers to collaborate and track — through remote monitoring — the health status of patients at home.

How it will work: Patients will use Health Harmony every day in their home to inform their care team at the Abramson Center about their progress. The technology will be used to conduct health sessions, capture vital signs such as blood pressure, weight and oxygen levels, and other information needed for caregivers to managed care plans, promote medication adherence, and react to any changes in patients' health.

Why they are doing it: "A remote patient monitoring program helps to bridge the gap between the skilled nursing setting and the home, helping our patients to safely transition back home," said Carol A. Irvine, president and CEO of the Abramson Center. "Our partnership with Care Innovations opens opportunities for us to differentiate ourselves to both existing and potential patients, as well as in the market for our acute care referral sources."

