

the company for the next three years, the depreciation value of 33% or US \$ 478.50 will have to be added to the operational cost annually..

IN-HOUSE 'OTHER' COSTS: The other add on expenditures are in the form of monthly office rentals, employees training expense on software's installed, fees paid to the technical experts for maintenance of computers and transcription equipment, and finally the cost of stationary and other miscellaneous expenditure costing a total US.\$ 7500 annually.

IN-HOUSE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE :Thus the estimated total expenditure, that will cost a hospital or a health care provider in operating an in- house medical transcription process in a state like DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA can be roughly assumed to be US\$ 47, 036.80 or more annually, and for the purpose of trying to analyze the cost that an in-house transcription process may incur for transcribing a single line of a Medical record, let us first split the annual expenditure of 46,064.80 by 52 weeks of a calendar year, which will work out to US \$ 886.00 a week, and if one considers that a medical transcriber is able to transcribe 4000 lines of medical records a week, a simple math calculation will tell us that a single line of transcription can cost an in-house medical transcription process \$ 0.22 cents, and when you compare that to the \$ 0.08cents we charge for a single line of transcription, a hospital or a healthcare provider in DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA will save a mammoth 64% of costs by outsourcing the medical transcription requirements of the hospital to us.

and providers will be able to direct their full attention to more important activities (patient care) while back-office functions (like transcription and billing) are contracted out or outsourced to organizations such as ours which specialize only in that particular function.

The challenging task of digitizing patient information and retaining them as **Electronic Medical Records (EMR)** will put a strain on the time and resources of medical organizations, and with stringent government regulations in force, setting up a full medical transcription process will further add to expensive investments in the form of transcription equipment and expensive human resources. EMR is a computer application with which all of the medical records related to the patient care can be entered and stored. It is a full fledged system that includes all the **patient's health care records**, such as admission and **progress notes**, operation notes, **anesthesia notes**, **discharge summaries**, and nurses' records.

Assigning **medical transcription** work to off-shore companies, under such circumstances will prove to be immensely beneficial, saving costs and valuable time. Hospitals and Healthcare organizations can now divert their valuable time and energies towards research and providing improved standards of healthcare to their patients.

With the federal government urging the health industry to replace paper-based patient files with digital records, and with the administration last year setting a time limit for most Americans to have electronic health records by 2014, off shore companies with low-cost labor and overheads will be in the forefront helping the health industry in the US cut down costs in providing best health care facilities to its citizens, the federal government also estimates that billions of dollars can be saved annually in the United States by digitizing patient information and deploying the IT sector, which can help reduce medical errors, costs, and waste.

In conclusion, it can be assumed that outsourcing non-core functions like transcription and billing can assist healthcare organizations grow in size and operations enabling them to direct their attention to core activities of patient's welfare at a fraction of a cost.



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