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**Broadspire® Adds Service to Help Decrease Workers Compensation Costs**

*Accurate, Soft-Tissue Diagnostic Test Offered through Partnership with Emerge Diagnostics*

**ATLANTA (April 01, 2016)** – Broadspire has selected Emerge Diagnostics as its partner to provide Electrodiagnostic Functional Assessment (EFA) services to help control workers compensation costs. Broadspire is a leading global third-party administrator of workers compensation claims, liability claims and medical management services.

Broadspire recognizes the challenges payers face in managing workers compensation claims. The Broadspire-Emerge partnership aims to provide clients with reductions in the cost of claims involving soft-tissue injuries.

EFA is a computer-assisted, diagnostic test that evaluates musculoskeletal and soft-tissue pathology and functionality. Using an array of wireless sensors positioned on the skin surface, an EFA collects data while a patient is at rest and in motion. The resulting profile helps establish the location, nature, age and extent of an injury—or lack thereof. The EFA can be performed as a post-injury test only; or for selected job classes may be used to perform a baseline test. This choice allows Broadspire clients the opportunity to consider whether and how EFA could benefit them.

“One published study shows that the EFA test results positively affected the course of treatment, improved clinical and functional outcomes, increased patient satisfaction and decreased dispute litigation,” said Dr. Jacob Lazarovic, MD, FAAFP, senior vice president and chief medical officer, Broadspire. “In fact, 98 of the 100 cases in this three-year study resulted in return to maximal medical improvement with no ratable impairment and full release to active duty.”

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Soft-tissue injuries are a leading cause of workers compensation claims and costs and a primary reason for time away from work. EFA provides objective, evidence-based measurements of the functional status of an injured worker; helps prevent inappropriate treatment, unnecessary surgery and false claims; and identifies return-to-work opportunities.

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### **About Emerge Diagnostics**

Headquartered in Carlsbad, CA, Emerge Diagnostics ([www.emergedx.com](http://www.emergedx.com)) delivers a new way to determine the location and age of soft tissue injuries. The company's technology provides the most comprehensive and actionable pre- and post-injury test to determine whether an injury actually arose in the workplace. Emerge Diagnostics works with employers, occupational health clinics and insurance carriers/TPAs to create better patient outcomes and reduced costs. Emerge is leading the way with technological development and ongoing innovation to improve workplace injury outcomes and return-to-work times.

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