

**Agreement between Strenuus and LexisNexis® Risk Solutions Aims to Help Dental Plans Improve Transparency in Access to Care****Alliance addresses dental network analysis challenges with primary-source verified provider information**

Strenuus, a leader in healthcare network data management and analysis, today announced an agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions to offer primary-source verified provider data to Strenuus' dental clients.

The alliance with LexisNexis, which maintains one of the most comprehensive and current dental provider databases, has enriched Strenuus' network intelligence and analysis platform with verified provider information for seven years.

"Strenuus is committed to delivering accurate and reliable provider data for network comparison and analysis," said Matthew Mellor, CEO, Strenuus. "We are pleased to be working with LexisNexis to enhance our capabilities and deliver a premier analysis solution," he said.

Network intelligence and analysis tools, like Strenuus' Network360, are driven by data acquired from health and dental plans. The quality of this data can impact the reliability of analysis. However, dental data is oftentimes more difficult because it is presented in a way that can overstate network coverage.

"Inflated access point counts are pretty much standard in the industry. Those carriers that have lower ratios of access points to unique dentists suffer competitively, even though many access points are being listed when a dentist doesn't actually practice at that location," stated Courtney Dickinson, Professional Relations Project & Partnership Development, United Concordia Dental. "One company in the dental network comparisons business, NetMinder, used claims data to try and cut through this façade and called the results 'Practicing Locations'. They would only count an access point as a practicing location if we were processing claims at that address for each dentist listed. Unfortunately, this metric never really caught on and the industry still leans heavily on marketing inflated access point counts."

"Accurate, current and comprehensive provider data is critical to delivering transparency in access to care," said Warren Gouk, VP, Health Care, LexisNexis. "This alliance enables Strenuus to help its clients further those twin goals by combining the breadth, depth and quality of LexisNexis data with the network management and analysis capabilities of Strenuus."

"Validating directory data against claims data is an imperfect solution. The problem, of course, is that claims data has even more problems than the provider data. It's like mopping your floor with dirty water," said Mr. Mellor. "Our analysis suggests that primary-source verified data is the only viable solution."

**About Strenuus**

Strenuus ([www.strenuus.com](http://www.strenuus.com)) is one of the largest collectors of provider network data in the U.S. Strenuus has a range of solutions built around the management of this data and the unique ability to match the individual doctors, dentists and hospitals in one plan's network with those of other networks, resulting in a comprehensive list of providers with robust information about their affiliated plans and networks. Strenuus support clients' network intelligence and analysis needs with powerful tools that allow for the comparison of multiple networks with data from over 400 payors and thousands of networks across multiple lines of business.

**About LexisNexis Risk Solutions**

LexisNexis Risk Solutions ([www.lexisnexis.com/risk](http://www.lexisnexis.com/risk)) is a leader in providing essential information that helps customers across all industries and government assess, predict and manage risk. Combining cutting-edge technology, unique data and advanced analytics, LexisNexis Risk Solutions provides products and services that address evolving client needs in the risk sector while upholding the highest standards of security and privacy. LexisNexis Risk Solutions is part of Reed Elsevier, a world leading provider of professional information solutions.

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