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David Brailer to Keynote HL7’s 19th Annual Plenary and Working Group Meeting

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—September 7, 2005—Health Level Seven (HL7), Inc. today announced that National Health Information Technology Coordinator David Brailer, MD, PhD will deliver the keynote address at its 19th Annual Plenary Session on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California.

Dr. Brailer is expected to address standards collaboration—the plenary theme—and its role in achieving a National Health Information Network (NHIN). Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) identified interoperability standards as a critical element in the drive toward an NHIN in the U.S.

“We could not be more pleased to welcome Dr. Brailer as our keynote speaker,” said HL7 Board Chair Mark Shafarman. “We’re certain that all attending the HL7 Plenary meeting will enjoy the opportunity to hear him discuss the importance of health information standards in the new initiatives he has created in his role as the national coordinator for health information technology. We are especially looking forward to showcasing for Dr. Brailer HL7’s collaborative efforts in the standards arena, and how these efforts interact with and encourage the continued development and application of health information standards.”

The plenary session is held each year at HL7’s September Working Group Meeting, which will convene from September 11-16, 2005.

In addition, the plenary session will feature two distinct panel presentations to discuss standards collaboration. Panel 1, Standards on a National Level, will feature representatives from HHS, the National Library of Medicine (NLM), SNOMED International, and Canada Health Infoway, and will be moderated by HL7 Board Treasurer Bill Braithwaite, MD, PhD. Panel 2, Collaboration in the Development of Healthcare Standards, will be moderated by HL7 Board Chair Elect Chuck Meyer and will feature representatives from such prominent healthcare organizations (more)
in the standards arena as: Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC); European Committee for Standardization (CEN); National Cancer Institute Center for Bioinformatics (NCICB); National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP); Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ASC X12); and ASTM International.

About HL7
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