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Health Level Seven and WEDI Announce Upcoming Training on Claims Attachments

ANN ARBOR, MI, U.S.—September 11, 2007— Health Level Seven (HL7), a preeminent healthcare IT standards development organization with broad international representation, and WEDI, a broad-based healthcare industry trade association, today announced they are collaborating to provide the healthcare industry with an educational program for electronic claims attachments. Both HL7 and WEDI have been leaders in the claims attachments arena for more than a decade, with HL7 focusing on development of the standards and WEDI focusing on implementation and administrative aspects.

Both HL7 and WEDI have provided education in response to industry demand during the past decade. By collaborating on upcoming educational programs, HL7 and WEDI will be able to secure the best resources and provide the most current and pertinent information to the industry.

The first series of educational sessions will be delivered via web cast and/or audio cast. Faculty for all sessions will be seasoned experts with both standards and implementation experience. Planning for the series of programs is currently underway and will be announced via the existing WEDI and HL7 distribution processes and also on their respective websites.

About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. (www.HL7.org) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7’s more than 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, including 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7’s endeavors are sponsored, in part, by the support of its benefactors: Accenture; Booz Allen Hamilton, Boston Scientific Corporation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI); Eclipsys Corporation; Eli Lilly & Company; Epic
About WEDI
The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) was established in 1991 to bring together a consortium of leaders within the healthcare industry to identify practical strategies for reducing administrative costs in healthcare through EDI. WEDI continued its EDI advocacy, and helped secure passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and was designated as an advisor to the HHS Secretary and as a facilitator of consensus on the implementation and fulfillment of this mandate. WEDI’s programs and activities now also include the development of Interconnectivity of Healthcare through the utilization of IT, and expanding outreach to serve the needs of new constituencies in local/regional communities. In late August 2005, WEDI launched the National Provider Identifier Outreach Initiative (NPIOI). This effort is designed to serve as the focal point for information related to the planning, transition, and implementation of the NPI. WEDI’s mission is to provide leadership and guidance to the healthcare industry on how to use and leverage the industry’s collective knowledge, expertise and information resources to improve the quality, affordability and availability of healthcare.

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