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The Health Story Project and Health Level Seven International to Host Webinar on How to Exchange Basic Records and Meet Early Meaningful Use Requirements (Part II)
Learn how HL7 CDA and CCD templates support meaningful use for exchanging basic records even prior to EMR system adoption.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA -- November 18, 2010 -- Health Level Seven (HL7) International, the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology, and the Health Story Project, a collaborative of healthcare vendors, providers and associations, will present a complimentary webinar on Wednesday, December 1 from 10:00 – 11:00 am ET to discuss how healthcare providers can exchange basic records and meet early meaningful use requirements. The webinar is also co-sponsored by the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) and the Clinical Documentation Industry Association (CDIA).

Physicians in the U.S. create more than a billion clinical notes each year, comprising around 60% of clinical information. These clinical notes are used as the primary source of information for reimbursement and proof of service. With standards, the output can easily integrate with Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems and Health Information Exchanges and provide a smooth path to interoperability. The Health Story Project is an industry collaboration working to accelerate the development and adoption of standards for electronic clinical documents using HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) and Continuity of Care Document (CCD) templates. The Health Story Project and Health Level Seven have an associate charter agreement and have jointly produced eight implementation guides thus far. Further standards for electronic clinical documents are currently under development within HL7.

Many vendors can produce electronic documents based on the HL7 CDA. "We need to raise awareness of this option," said Bob Dolin, MD, chair of Health Level Seven International and principal of Semantically Yours, LLC. "Many EMR system vendors do not know that companies in the transcription and clinical documentation industry can produce and offer electronic documents in the CDA format. Additionally, providers are not aware that they can ask for this approach to discrete data capture, which is minimally disruptive to clinician workflow."

Learn how use of these standards support ARRA requirements for meaningful use for exchanging basic records – even prior to EMR system adoption. Can your system support this strategy? Learn how to get started.

Webinar presenters include Bob Dolin, MD, chair, Health Level Seven International and principal, Semantically Yours, LLC, and Liora Alschuler, Health Story executive committee member and principal, Alschuler Associates, LLC. Dr. Dolin is also a co-chair of the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group as well as a co-editor of the HL7 CDA and co-author the CCD standard. Ms. Alschuler, a former member of the HL7 Board, is currently a co-chair of the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group and is a co-editor of the HL7 CDA.

This webinar is free and open to anyone interested in healthcare IT and standards for electronic clinical documents. To register for the webinar, please visit https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/706038595.

About Health Story

The Health Story Project was founded a little over three years ago by Alschuler Associates, LLC, the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI), the Medical Transcription Industry Association (MTIA), the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and M*Modal. It is now a collaborative of twenty-five healthcare vendors, providers and associations. Health Story develops HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) implementation guides for common types of electronic healthcare documents, brings them through the HL7 ballot process and promotes their adoption within the industry. Over the previous three years, the initiative supported the development of five technical implementation guides for standard electronic documents, including the Consultation Note, History and Physical, Operative Note, Discharge Summary and Diagnostic Imaging Report. Work is currently underway within HL7 to produce standards for a Progress Note, a Procedure Note using endoscopy report as an example and CDA for Unstructured Documents.

For more information, please visit: www.healthstory.com

About HL7 International

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International is the global authority for healthcare information interoperability and standards with affiliates established in more than 30 countries. HL7 is a non-profit, ANSI accredited standards development 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, which include more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7 collaborates with other standards developers and provider, payer, philanthropic and government agencies at the highest levels to ensure the development of comprehensive and reliable standards and successful interoperability efforts.

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