CCHIT Names HL7 International CEO Charles Jaffe as 2011 Board Commissioner

ANN ARBOR, Michigan – Dec. 16, 2010 – The Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT) announced yesterday that HL7 International CEO Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD, is named as one of eleven appointees to its board of Commissioners to serve a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2011.

“I am honored to be part of CCHIT’s Board of Commissioners,” said Dr. Jaffe. “I look forward to contributing to the national goal of an interoperable healthcare information framework to improve the lives of all American citizens.”

The board of commissioners advises and approves the work of the volunteer work groups and staff in developing certification criteria, inspection processes and policy for the CCHIT Certified program.

The commissioners represent a broad spectrum of healthcare stakeholders including healthcare providers, and representatives from academia, the private sector, non-profit organizations and government agencies, and up to three healthcare IT vendors.

“The Commission welcomes the diverse expertise that our new appointees represent as we meet the challenge of the future,” said Karen Bell, MD, MMS, chair of the Commission. “We appreciate Dr. Jaffe’s commitment to participate in our work as we extend our health IT certification programs to meet provider and patient needs.”

Representatives to the board of commissioners were solicited from senior executives based on their experience and expertise in healthcare information technology.

Dr. Jaffe brings extensive healthcare IT experience to the Commission. As the Chief Executive Officer of HL7 International, Dr. Jaffe serves as the organization’s global ambassador, fostering relationships with key industry stakeholders. A 37-year veteran of the
healthcare IT industry, Dr. Jaffe was previously the Senior Global Strategist for the Digital Health Group at Intel Corporation, Vice President of Life Sciences at SAIC, and the Director of Medical Informatics at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. He completed his medical training at Johns Hopkins and Duke Universities, and was a post-doctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health and at Georgetown University.

The roles of the commissioners are to represent all stakeholders, provide strategic direction, ensure objectivity and credibility, provide guidance to and review the reports of the work groups, and approve the final certification criteria and processes.

The full updated list of commissioners is available at: http://cchit.org/about/commission.

About HL7
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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Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia,
Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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