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## **HL7 Announces Value-Based Care Summit Focused on HL7® FHIR®**

*Event will bring the payer and provider community together to collaborate on using FHIR to solve interoperability challenges*

**ANN ARBOR, MI, USA – March 29, 2017** – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability in healthcare information technology and the home of the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standard, today announced that the *HL7 Value-Based Care FHIR Summit* will take place on April 11 and 12, 2017 in Chicago, IL. The event will be co-hosted by Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), Microsoft and the AHIP Innovation Lab. The purpose of the event is to demonstrate how FHIR can support value-based care and highlight how the standard is being successfully implemented to solve some of today's interoperability challenges. It will include discussions and demonstrations of the technologies that enable improved provider-payer collaboration for information exchange, which is essential to the transition to the value-based care model.

"Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies are committed to leading the industry's transition to value-based care," said Kari Hedges, Senior Vice President, Commercial Markets and Enterprise Data Solutions for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. "We are pleased to join other industry stakeholders at an event where participants can see and experience how the FHIR standard is an effective tool for real-world interoperability of clinical data to improve patient care by enabling better decisions between the consumer and their clinician."

HL7 FHIR has experienced unprecedented interest in the industry. HL7 published FHIR Release 3 earlier this month. "Release 3 is a major leap forward in functionality, maturity and stability," stated Wayne Kubick, Chief Technology Officer, HL7 International. "HL7 FHIR will

provide a solid platform for realizing the benefits of interoperability for patients, physicians, payers and other stakeholders in the global healthcare ecosystem.”

The HL7 Value-Based Care FHIR Summit will bring together the payer, provider and vendor communities to:

- Demonstrate that technical interoperability is possible, practical and fast
- Discuss and test applicable use cases of mutual strategic value
- Identify, assess and document optimal priorities to make actionable improvements in HL7 standards to enhance effective information exchange

“Microsoft is pleased to jointly host an interoperability event to leverage FHIR and cloud technology that advances the ‘Triple Aim’ objectives”, said Hector Rodriguez, Microsoft’s WW Health CISO. “This FHIR Summit is designed to help participants understand and experience how FHIR helps patients and consumers to have real-time access to actionable healthcare data while allowing health plans and providers to improve workflow, care coordination, care quality and quality reporting.”

The Value-Based Care FHIR Summit is comprised of two separate tracks: HL7 FHIR for Managers and the HL7 FHIR Value-Based Care Mini-Connectathon. The HL7 FHIR for Managers track will include a review of the January 2017 HL7 Payer Summit, a hands-on demo with ClinFHIR, an overview of use cases on how FHIR has been implemented at organizations, as well as demonstrations of the following FHIR-based apps:

- FHIR Computable Care Plan, Leidos
- FHIR Bridge for Quality Measures and Care Coordination, Edifecs
- Processing C-CDA® Using Big-Data Infrastructure and Generating FHIR Alerts, CitiusTech
- Natural Language Interface for Real-Time Charting & Clinical Decision Support, Applicadia

The HL7 FHIR Value-Based Care Mini-Connectathon provides an opportunity for implementers to participate in developing FHIR solutions and exchange data with other FHIR interfaces. Topics that will be covered include: Attachments, C-CDA on FHIR, Care Plan and Care Team, Clinical Reasoning and Finance.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.hl7.org/events/fhir/summit/2017/04/>.

### **About Health Level Seven International (HL7)**

Founded in 1987, [Health Level Seven International](http://www.hl7.org) 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 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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