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HL7 Offers Free Ambassador Webinar: Meaningful Use Stage 2 and HL7 Standards

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – April 26, 2012 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, will present a complimentary Ambassador webinar titled “Meaningful Use Stage 2 and HL7 Standards” on Thursday, May 3 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm EDT.

This HL7 Ambassador Presentation will discuss proposed U.S. regulatory changes to health IT standards impacting the use of Certified EHR Technology under the CMS Meaningful Use program. It is oriented toward IT architects, development managers and executives of health IT vendors and healthcare organizations that intend to participate in the Meaningful Use certification or incentives programs being implemented by the U.S. Office of the National Coordinator and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Upon completion of this session, the attendee should be aware of:

- HL7 and related standards that have been proposed for the EHR 2014 Certification Program
- The major changes in the proposed rule
- Future directions for Health IT standards after Stage 2

Keith Boone, standards architect for GE Healthcare, will present this webinar. Mr. Boone is an HL7 ambassador, member of the HL7 Board of Directors, and is a past co-chair of the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group. He is also the author of The CDA™ Book and one of the editors of the HITSP C32 Version 2.5 and Consolidated CDA standards (standards currently in Stage 1 or proposed for Stage 2 of the Meaningful Use program).

To register for this free webinar, please visit http://www.hl7.org/events/ambassador201205/.
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