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HL7 Announces Certification Examinations Now Available Online

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – July 1, 2013 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced that it is now offering computer based testing for its certification exams. HL7 certification provides the health information technology industry with a means to qualify that individuals have achieved a high level of proficiency within the standard tested.

This new opportunity expands exam delivery from paper and pencil tests at HL7-sponsored events to electronic testing at testing centers throughout the world. In addition, individuals will have the option to choose online proctored testing, which allows them to use their own computer from anywhere in the world, as long as they have Internet access and an external webcam that meets minimum requirements.

“HL7 certification has long been recognized as an invaluable asset by the health IT industry and is used as a measure of expertise by both employers and job seekers,” said HL7 CEO Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD. “The introduction of online testing will increase the opportunities for candidates to pursue certification and will mean that they no longer have any of the obstacles associated with the traditional testing method.”

HL7 is partnering with Kryterion, a full-service test development and delivery company that provides secure testing solutions, to administer and deliver the exams through Kryterion’s network of over 400 testing centers worldwide. Kryterion’s technology also ensures that HL7’s online proctored testing process securely monitors test-takers during check-in and exam delivery.

HL7 offers certification exams in the following areas: HL7 Version 2.7 Control, HL7 Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM) and Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®). HL7 is the only credentialing program that offers certification on its standards. Certification exam fees are \$199 for members and \$350 for non-members. For more information about HL7 certification, please visit the HL7 website at

www.HL7.org/implement/certification.cfm. For Kryterion testing center locations, please visit http://www.kryteriononline.com/host_locations/.

About Health Level Seven International (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.

HL7's endeavors are sponsored, in part, by the support of its benefactors: Accenture; Allscripts; Booz Allen Hamilton; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Translational Medicine Institute; Epic; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; Hospital Corporation American (HCA); IBM; Intel Corporation; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; McKesson Provider Technology; Microsoft Corporation; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; Siemens Healthcare; Thomson Reuters; the U.S. Department of Defense, Military Health System; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

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