



CHIME and HL7 Announce Partnership

Organizations will work together to advance interoperability

ANN ARBOR, MI, March 3, 2014 – As part of a partnership to advance healthcare interoperability, the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) and Health Level Seven International (HL7) will work together to promote a standardized approach to interoperable data exchange.

“CHIME is pleased and eager to collaborate with HL7 to combine our efforts in achieving greater interoperability and health information exchange,” said CHIME President and CEO Russell P. Branzell FCHIME, CHCIO. “This partnership emphasizes our commitment to drive the effective use of data sharing to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of patient care.”

“By providing universal common framework for interoperability of healthcare data, HL7 standards make organizations across the healthcare continuum more successful at achieving their business goals,” said HL7 CEO Dr. Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD. “We hope that the collaboration with CHIME will serve as a catalyst to drive interoperability in our industry and improve the state of healthcare delivery across the nation and worldwide.”

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 2,000 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.

About CHIME

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers and other senior healthcare IT leaders. With more than 1,400 CIO members and over 100 healthcare IT vendors and professional services firms, CHIME provides a highly interactive, trusted environment enabling senior professional and industry leaders to collaborate; exchange best practices; address professional development needs; and advocate the effective use of information management to

improve the health and healthcare in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit www.cio-chime.org.

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