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**HL7 Announces AEGIS as Newest Benefactor**

*AEGIS Commits to Helping HL7 Advance the Adoption of Standards-based Healthcare Implementations to Improve Patient Safety*

**Ann Arbor, MI, USA – October 6, 2014** – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced that AEGIS.net, Inc. (AEGIS) has become the organization's latest benefactor member. As a benefactor, AEGIS supports HL7's goal of achieving healthcare interoperability that will lead to better health outcomes and improve security and patient safety.

"HL7 is pleased to welcome AEGIS as a benefactor member of our organization. AEGIS continues to demonstrate a commitment to improve our standards development process," said HL7 International CEO Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD. "Through the AEGIS testing platform, our members can enhance the quality of their health IT systems. The AEGIS [Developers Integration Lab \(DIL\)](#) is a unique test platform that more effectively enables our conformance testing objectives. In turn, this helps to achieve our far-reaching goal of enhancing patient safety."

"AEGIS is pleased to be an HL7 Benefactor," stated Mario Hyland, Senior Vice President & Founder at AEGIS. Mr. Hyland explains, "AEGIS continues to advocate that standards, conformance to those standards, and thorough testing to ensure conformance are all required to achieve true, seamless information exchange. Our organization and partners are focused on advancing health information sharing best practices for government and industry."

As part of the organizations' ongoing efforts to advance the implementation of interoperability standards, HL7 and AEGIS partnered earlier this year on the pilot of the [HL7 Conformance Testing Program](#). This program helps healthcare IT developers speed time to market by providing a cost-effective platform for ongoing, iterative testing of conformance and interoperability with HL7 standards. In addition, these collected test results provide a feedback loop to HL7 by giving the organization actionable data to evaluate those aspects of the standards with which conformance proves most difficult for the vendors to achieve.

AEGIS joins 22 other HL7 benefactor members including: Accenture; Allscripts; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Translational Medicine Institute; Epic; the Food and Drug

Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; IBM; Intermountain Healthcare; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; McKesson Provider Corporation; Microsoft Corporation; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Philips Healthcare; Quest Diagnostics, Inc.; the U.S. Department of Defense, Military Health System; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **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. For more information, please visit: [www.HL7.org](http://www.HL7.org)

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

### **About AEGIS**

AEGIS.net, Inc. is a CMMI Maturity Level 3 rated, ISO 9001:2008 certified small business and premier provider of information technology consulting services to Federal Civilian, Defense and Commercial sector clients. AEGIS' services, delivered by practitioners averaging more than 15 years of experience, include project management, software functional and performance testing, application design/development, independent verification and validation (IV&V), and organizational performance/process improvement. AEGIS' domains of expertise include health IT and interoperability, regulatory compliance, finance, human resources, and logistics. AEGIS is recognized as a global community leader in innovation of Health IT interoperability, testing, analytics, and informatics. For more information, please visit: [www.AEGIS.net](http://www.AEGIS.net).

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