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### **Health Level Seven and the Healthcare Services Platform Consortium Announce Collaboration Agreement**

**Scottsdale, Arizona and Ann Arbor, Michigan (February 1, 2017)**— Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries and the Healthcare Services Platform Consortium (HSPC), a provider-led, not-for-profit fostering industry-wide collaboration for the development of an open ecosystem of interoperable applications, content, and Service Oriented Architecture services, today announced that they signed a collaboration agreement and will initiate joint projects to advance interoperability.

HL7 and HSPC are joining forces to support HL7's development of the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standard. The collaboration agreement will focus on the following objectives and goals:

- Contribute to the development of consistent representations of health data, including HL7 Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI) Work Group models that can be incorporated into the FHIR profiles.
- Develop tools to support standards development and adoption.
- Demonstrate the value of HL7's FHIR in real world implementations by HSPC member organizations.
- Launch joint projects focused on engaging clinicians in the validation of clinical data representations and on standards to support coordination of care. The first will be launched at the *Clinical Information Interchange Collaborative* meeting in June 2017.

"HL7 has a long history of formally collaborating with healthcare industry groups such as HSPC to advance interoperability through the adoption and implementation of standards," said HL7 Chief Executive Officer Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD. "We are delighted to work with HSPC to develop detailed FHIR profiles based on our CIMI models. Together we are engaging the clinical specialty

communities to develop a common set of FHIR-based solutions to simplify workflows, effectively allowing clinicians to provide better patient care.”

“We are pleased to have a Memorandum of Understanding with HL7 that details HSPC's support of the efforts within the HL7 community in the areas of true semantic interoperability, knowledge authoring and portability, and the development of a Services-Oriented Platform model for healthcare,” said Oscar Diaz, Chief Executive Officer, HSPC. “Through HSPC’s membership and its collaborators, HSPC hopes to accelerate evolution and real world deployment of high value use cases such as care coordination, clinical pathways, and care plans, that implement evolving standards supporting clinical workflows. We look forward to a strong collaboration with HL7 and its members.”

### **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.

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

### **About the Healthcare Services Platform Consortium (HSPC)**

HSPC is a **provider led**, not-for-profit, multi-stakeholder, membership organization that is fostering an industry-wide collaborative for the development of an open ecosystem of interoperable applications, content, and services. As part of the development of the healthcare SOA, HSPC is creating a federated model for multi-vendor RESTful web services modeled against HL7 FHIR and HSPC/CIMI/CEM based profiles.

Similar to iOS and Android, HSPC will support a marketplace model for plug-and-play healthcare applications leveraging the work at Intermountain Healthcare, LSU Health, the VA VistA Evolution initiative and others. The HSPC marketplace will support common services and models that providers and vendors can use to shorten development life cycles.

The SOA for healthcare will enable multiple collaborators to deliver different parts of a solution set that address workflow gaps within and between systems. This platform supports high-fidelity workflow models that support acute, ambulatory and patient-centered medical home models. More information can be found at [www.hspconsortium.org](http://www.hspconsortium.org).

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