



Appendix A - RSA Information

1. Name of Proposed Regional WEDI SNIP Affiliate
Colorado CoSnip/HIPAA Group

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4. Primary Local, State or Region(s) covered
Colorado

5. Meeting location(s) and time(s)
Colorado Medical Society's Founders Board Room at 7351 Lowry Blvd.

6. Convening/facilitating organization
Colorado Health and Hospital Association

7. RSA Web site URL
www.cosnip.com

8. Key leadership contacts and organizations

Colorado Medical Society, Colorado Health and Hospital Association, Various State Agencies including Medicaid, Colorado Department of Public Health and Worker's Compensation

9. Governance protocols
Advisory Committee
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10. Membership list (optional)
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11. 150 Word description of RSA's goals and objectives (as would appear in the WEDI SNIP Web Site).

CoSnip's purpose is to use collaboration and education to assist payers, providers and government agencies in implementing the administrative simplification rules and regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). CoSnip collaborates with the Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange

Hospitals, physicians, insurance companies, employers, clearinghouses and others who create or receive individual health information in electronic form will soon be required to comply with the stringent privacy and security standards mandated by HIPAA. Compliance with HIPAA will likely necessitate changes in current practices, including implementing new technology, revising existing contracts, adopting new policies and changing many operational practices.

The scope of this group includes:

- Monitor timelines of HIPAA standards and rules
 - Identify and investigate HIPAA rumors
 - Identify state statute impact
 - Identify educational opportunities
 - Provide a forum for communication and collaboration
 - Identify problems along with their solutions
 - Develop any necessary regional supplemental implementation guidelines
 - Share success stories
 - Agree on local testing and implementation timelines.
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12. List any products/resources that RSA feels are valuable to other WEDI SNIP regional affiliates. Include URLs as appropriate.
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13. RSA Listserv address(es) (if applicable).
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