MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
PRE-CONFERENCE
Implementing the New HIPAA Proposed Regulations: ASC X12 version 5010 and ICD-10 CM and PCS
(separate registration required)

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Registration

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
NPRM Overview
- Overview of the regulatory process
- Overview of each NPRM

Speaker:
Jim Daley, BCBS SC

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Industry Considerations
- Timelines
- Interdependencies
- Lessons learned from initial HIPAA TCS compliance

Speakers:
Stanley Nachimson, Nachimson Advisors
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM
Refreshment Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Planning for Compliance
Provider, Vendor, and Payer panelists discuss compliance planning for Transactions updates and ICD-10 CM and PCS (next steps).

Speakers:
Jim Whicker, Intermountain Healthcare (invited)
Payer representative to be announced
Vendor representative to be announced

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Networking Boxed Luncheon
(available to those registered for either pre-conference event)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
PRE-CONFERENCE
ePrescribing: The Road Ahead for Rapid Adoption
(separate registration required)

Check back next week for more details on the ePrescribing Pre-conference agenda.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:15 AM – 5:00 PM
Registration Open

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM
Networking Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM
Welcome

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
ICD-10
Speaker:
Sithara Satiyadev, Chairperson, ICD10 National Implementation Task Team

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
One Country’s Path to RTA and the US BPM
The session will present South Africa’s path to RTA. Presented by Helen Kruger, one of the country’s early pioneers of real time adjudication, the session will traverse the many
stages and hurdles that faced the nation. The WEDI/X12 RTA Business Process Modeling Workgroup will then present the current draft US business process model including the pre-service transactions. The session will conclude with a question and answer session with the panel.

**Speakers:**
Helen Kruger, MediKredit  
Tom Drinkard, Mercury Data Exchange  
Debra Strickland, invited

10:45AM – 11:00 AM  
Refreshment Break and Exhibit Viewing

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
The Vision and Challenges for 2009  
**Speaker:**  
Michael Ubl, Incoming WEDI Board of Directors Chairperson, and Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
WEDI Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Networking Plated Luncheon

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Workers Compensation, Auto and Other P&C 101**  
Though many healthcare entities have implemented electronic transactions to support their health care business, the Workers’ Compensation and Auto Medical Industries are just beginning to move in the direction of electronic solutions for their provider stakeholders. Join our expert speakers as they discuss the transactions involved in the eBill initiatives in several states and learn the basics of workers’ compensation. The following topics will be covered: overview of the business flows in workers’ compensation; and challenges that the workers’ compensation faces; gaps identified.

**Speakers:**  
Debbi Meisner, Emdeon Business Service, WEDI SNIP Workers' Comp SWG Co-chair, Moderator  
Tina Greene, Ingenix, WEDI SNIP Workers' Comp SWG Co-chair  
Faith Howe, IAIABC

**Impact of Adopting New HIPAA Standards**  
This session will include educational material on the version upgrades requested of the NCPDP standards named in HIPAA, and the new standards requested in HIPAA. These include Telecommunication Standard, Batch Standard, Medicaid Subrogation Standard, and Post Adjudication Standard. Learn about the white paper that provides a timeline for
implementation that the pharmacy industry recommends as you implement the new standards, and about the standardized payer template.

**Speaker:**
Annette Gabel Executive Director Industry Standard Compliance

### Are U.S. Health Plans and Providers Ready for ICD-10 Adoption?
The U.S. health care industry is facing a new challenge: ICD-10 (International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Version 10) implementation. U.S. ICD-10 adoption has the potential to revolutionize the nation’s health care system and produce a huge wave of IT spending. However, the process will require a massive overhaul of the nation’s medical coding system. Careful planning and preparation are required for effective ICD-10 implementation. Transitioning to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS is more complex than implementation of new code sets in the past because the uses of coded data are more complex than those for which ICD-9-CM was designed. This session will provide you with an overview of ICD-10 and present the challenges and opportunities from healthcare industry representatives.

**Speakers:**
Robert Tennant, MGMA
Payer representative to be announced
Charlene Underwood, Siemens

3:00 PM – 3:25 PM
Snack Break and Exhibit Viewing

3:25 PM – 4:55 PM
**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**HISPC and NHIN and EHR: How do all these areas work together?**
How do all these areas work together? HISPC, a federal project to discover and work on states practical and legal barriers to interoperability, NHIN, another federal project that will begin to interoperate in early 2009, and the data into and out of an EHR and state databases? Come to hear what type of data sharing agreements, memorandum of operations and contracts are currently in use and being developed as the industry takes both baby steps and giant steps to share data across state lines.

**Speakers:**
Roy Wyman, JD, NC-HISPC, NC NHIN
Carolyn Heyman-Layne, HISPC IOA

**Privacy and Security Issues related to 5010 and Red Flag**

**Speakers:**
Mark Cone, N-Tegrity Solutions
Lesley Berkeyheiser, The Clayton Group
David Ginsberg, PrivaPlan Associates, Inc.

**Acknowledgements and RTA**
Payers and providers rely on a wide variety of EDI transactions for efficient, automated
and timely communication. EDI transactions enable key business processes within payer and provider organizations, and ensure that critical information can be exchanged. One particular set of EDI transactions – acknowledgements – can be better utilized to improve communication between payers and providers. While important for “normal” communications, acknowledgements become critical when considering the execution of a Real Time Adjudication (RTA) strategy. For RTA to work, providers must have transparent views of the status of all claims, and acknowledgements are essential in giving providers the claim visibility they need. This session will detail the role of acknowledgements in RTA processes. A Business Process Model (BPM) will be presented and reviewed to clarify use of acknowledgements to enable RTA. The presentation will also highlight failure points in RTA plans absent of acknowledgments. Steps will be outlined to improve current EDI infrastructure, improvements that will prepare the way for RTA execution. Benefits to be gained by both payers and providers will be discussed. The ROI associated with acknowledgements will be examined to demonstrate the return available.

**Speaker:**

*Lisa Miller, X12*

4:55 PM – 5:05 PM
Break

5:05 PM – 6:00 PM
Infomercials

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Networking Reception

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

7:15 AM – 8:15 AM
Member Orientation and Member Roundtables

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Registration Open

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing

8:30AM – 9:30 AM
Keynote Address

**Speaker:**

*Jonah Frohlich, Senior Program Officer, California HealthCare Foundation*

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Results and Recommendations: WEDI PAGs on the Transactions Standards and
ICD-10 NPRMs
This session will provide an overview of the results and recommendations stemming from the WEDI PAGs addressing the Transactions Standards NPRM (including 5010, D.0 and 3.0) as well as the ICD-10 NPRM.

Speakers:
WEDI Transactions and Code Sets PAG Co-chairs
WEDI ICD-10 PAG Co-chairs

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM
Refreshment Break and Exhibit Viewing

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Striking the Right Balance between Consumer Control and Electronic Health Records
Adoption of Electronic Health Records continues to be a significant activity in the healthcare provider community. While adoption remains less than expected by this time, the provider community, health plans and governmental organizations are involved in the debate relevant to the value of adoption and the issues it brings up related to consumer control, security and privacy, and patient safety. In some cases adoption may be negatively impacted by these concerns. This session brings together industry experts to provide a lively debate into the issues at hand and some of the ways these can be resolved.

Speakers:
David Ginsberg, PrivaPlan Associates, Inc.
Mariann Yeager, HIT Professionals Inc.

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM
Networking Plated Luncheon

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Concurrent Working Sessions

HITSP, HIPAA and CCHIT Security and Privacy Drill Down
If you attended the WEDI 2008 Spring conference you may remember the general session regarding HITSP activities. This included a high level comparison of the HITSP Security and Privacy constructs with some HIPAA Security and Privacy requirements. Based on positive feedback, this session will further expand on detailed findings of similarities between HITSP and HIPAA Security and Privacy. In addition, CCHIT has built in certain Security and Privacy requirements for EHR functionality. CCHIT similarities will also be included. It will allow entities to determine how they already stand against three sets of criteria for Security and Privacy, and will allow them to focus on what they still may need to do. This is more than just an academic exercise, it will show entities how best to meet a wide range of applicable requirements.

Speakers:
Stanley Nachimson, Nachimson Advisors, Moderator
Robin Railford, Eclypsis and HITSP
Lesley Berkeyheiser, The Clayton Group

State Initiatives to Leverage HIPAA Transactions and Improve Payer-Provider Operations
A number of states have administrative simplification initiatives underway to refine HIPAA transaction standards, simplify provider and payer connectivity, and standardize ID card formats. Learn about some of these initiatives and how they may impact you. Why are states seeing a need to take action in these areas? What is the impact on providers, payers, and vendors? What are the benefits and lessons to be learned from these state-based initiatives? This session will provide an overview on state activity in this area and provide case studies. Learn about initiatives in two major states that have taken different approaches. Get answers to your questions and provide your input on these initiatives.

Speakers:
Laurie Darst, Mayo, Moderator
Gwen Lohse, CAQH
Michael Ubl, Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota
Dianne Longley, Texas Department of Insurance

Putting 5010 in Perspective
Presenters will review the impact 5010 has on providers and payers for each transaction and provide an update on the WEDI SNIP Testing team's activities.

Speakers:
Ed Hafner, Foresight Corporation, Moderator
Rachel Angrignon, Fidelis Care
Nancy Sanchez, Montefiore Medical Center
Gretchen Beicher, UW Medical Foundation

3:00 PM – 3:25 PM
Snack Break and Exhibit viewing

3:25 PM – 4:55 PM
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WEDI/NCHICA Timeline Initiative
Speakers:
Ed Hafner, Foresight Corporation
Laurie Darst, Mayo, invited

The DEA NPRM: What are its provisions and how does it impact the industry?
Right now there are more questions than answers! There are numerous administrative and technical provisions in the DEA NPRM. What are they and how will they impact you? Will everyone be doing most prescriptions electronically and some still on paper? How will you function with two different ways to prescribe? What is the impact on providers? What is the impact on the pharmacies? What is the impact on the vendors?

Speakers:
Cathy Graeff, NCPCP, Moderator
Susan A. Miller, JD, HealthTransactions.com
Bob Beckley, SureScripts
Provider Representative to be announced

eCOB Issues and Answers: A review of the WEDI SNIP Electronic COB White Paper
In this session, the speakers will review the issues that are included in the electronic Coordination of Benefits (eCOB) white paper created by the WEDI SNIP COB Claims and Remittances sub-workgroup. The speakers will identify the issues that were selected to be considered in depth and the recommendations to address these issues. Some of the impacts that each issue and the associated recommendation has on major eCOB stakeholders, providers, clearinghouses, software vendors and payers will be presented. The speakers will also discuss the COB issues that did not make this version of the white paper but may well be addressed in a future effort. The speakers will ask for audience feedback the ones which are most important to you and your organization.

Speakers:
Russ Taylor, Aetna, and WEDI SNIP COB Co-chair
Debra Meisner, Emdeon, WEDI SNIP COB Co-chair

4:55 PM – 5:05 PM
Break

5:05 PM – 6:00 PM
Infomercials

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Registration Open

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Networking Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Keynote Address

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is promoting revolutionary changes in government administration of healthcare through Medicaid Transformation Grants (MTGs) and the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) initiative. These federal initiatives allow states to leverage traditional and new funding sources to transform their business model and supporting technology to create an
enterprises and the opportunity for true interoperability between siloed systems, multiple state agencies, and other private healthcare organizations. Both these paradigm shifts in how Medicaid operates internally and interoperates with providers and consumer/patients are changing the landscape within states and across state boarders. Ann Ackley and Mary Kay McDaniel will share the work that Arizona is doing with its large transformation grant. Susan McClacherty of Kansas will share how through MITA her state has taken the first steps to embrace this paradigm shift in healthcare administration. Andrea Danes, an industry expert in MITA and the transformation grant work, will outline some near term gains for HIE, HIT and EHR activities as well as longer term strategic plans for flexibility and adaptability. For a third state panelist we will invite either Missouri or Minnesota.

Speakers:
Sue Miller, HealthTransactions.com, Moderator
Susan Ackley, AZ Health Care Containment Council
Andrea Danes, FOX Systems
Mary Kay McDaniel, Markam Consulting (on behalf of AHCCCS)
Susan McClacherty, Kansas Health Policy Authority

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Refreshment Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM
The Impact of HITSP’s Specifications: What Individual Entities Need to do to Implement HITSP’s Recognized Standards
Now that the Secretary of HHS has recognized the first set of HITSP Interoperability Specifications, entities must begin the implementation process. Learn what business issues each of the HITSP recognized specifications will impact, what health plans, providers, and vendors must do to accommodate the standards, and when the standards are expected to be used. HITSP Specifications are now real – find out how they will impact you.

Speakers:
Jamie Ferguson, Kaiser Permanente
Stanley Nachimson, Nachimson Advisors

12:00 PM
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