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WEDI Collaborates with OCR to Provide Omnibus HIPAA/HITECH Final Rule Summer Webinar Series

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – May 14, 2013 – During the first day of the 22nd Annual WEDI National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, WEDI and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced the launch of a series of HIPAA/HITECH-related webinars as a tool to help the healthcare industry adopt the new Omnibus HIPAA/HITECH Final Rule. Leon Rodriguez, Director of the Office for Civil Rights, announced the series of co-sponsored webinars during the conference’s opening keynote address, *“Privacy & Security Post-Omnibus: Implications and Compliance Strategies.”*

The 90-minute WEDI/OCR virtual sessions will explore compliance with various aspects of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules and the HITECH Breach Notification Rule. The webinars are specifically designed for small healthcare providers, with a focus on practical strategies, tips and techniques for implementing the HIPAA Rules within a smaller clinical practice. Presentations will cover a variety of current topics including:

- Individual Rights
- Uses and Disclosures for Fundraising and Marketing
- Prohibited Disclosures
- Breach Notification
- Enforcement
- Updates from the OCR Audit Program
- Business Associate Liability

“WEDI is committed to helping industry understand and implement the new Omnibus HIPAA/HITECH Final Rule,” said Devin Jopp, Ed.D., WEDI President & CEO. “This series of webinars serves as a valuable system to help providers across the nation gain clarity on the various aspects of the Omnibus HIPAA Rulemaking.”

The virtual sessions are scheduled for June 14, June 28, July 17 and July 26, 2013 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern Time. Registration for these webinars will be available at:

<http://www.wedi.org/forms/meeting/MeetingFormPublic/view?id=2C09800000249>.

About WEDI

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve healthcare information exchange in order to enhance the quality of care, improve efficiency, and reduce costs of our nation’s healthcare system. WEDI was formed in 1991 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and was designated in the 1996 HIPAA legislation as an advisor to HHS. WEDI’s membership includes a broad coalition of organizations, including: hospitals, providers, health plans, vendors, government agencies, consumers, not-for-profit organizations, and standards bodies.

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