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WEDI Submits Recent ICD-10 Industry Readiness Survey Results to CMS

RESTON, VA, March 19, 2012 - The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI), the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve the exchange of healthcare information, announced submission of the latest ICD-10 industry readiness survey results to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). WEDI's report revealed that much of the industry is not on track to meet the October 2013 compliance date.

Since 2009, WEDI has conducted ICD-10 readiness surveys to measure the progress of industry compliance. As an advisor under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), WEDI brings to the attention of CMS issues that it believes warrant review and consideration from the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

WEDI's current assessment of industry readiness is derived from survey responses collected from more than 2,600 providers, health plans and vendors during February, 2012. Based on the premise that impact assessments should have been completed in 2011 and other key milestones, survey results show evidence that the industry is falling behind with ICD-10 compliance. Significant data collected from the survey include:

- Nearly 1/2 of the provider respondents indicated that they did not know when they would complete their impact assessment
- Although 1/3 of providers expected to begin external testing in 2013, another 1/2 responded that they did not know when testing would occur
- Most health plans do not expect to begin external testing until 2013
- Over 1/3 of health plans have completed their assessment, but 1/4 are less than halfway done
- About 1/2 of vendors are less than halfway complete with product development

WEDI will continue to conduct surveys throughout the year. Information collected from these surveys will be used to monitor progress and to help the industry achieve compliance.

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 to 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 HIPPA 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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