

ASC X12 Educates Healthcare Industry with 005010 Webinar Series

Registration Open for Last Three Webinars Between Aug. 14-21, 2008

A series of educational webinars presented by the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 were well-received by participants preparing to respond to the federal government's anticipated Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to modify mandated Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) transactions.

The webinars, organized by X12's Insurance subcommittee's HIPAA Implementation Coordination work group, are part of an outreach campaign designed to address changes resulting from the NPRM and detail how the implementation of X12 version 005010 transactions, proposed for adoption under HIPAA, address industry-requested requirements.

The twelve transactions embodied in the webinars include:

- 270/271: Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response
- 276/277: Health Care Claim Status Request and Response
- 278: Services Review Request for Review/Response
- 834/820: Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance/Payroll Deducted and Other Premium Payment
- 835: Health Care Claim Payment/Advice
- 837: Health Care Claim: Professional, Institutional, Dental

Internet-playback recordings of each webinar are available at www.x12.org/webinars.

Feedback from the series' participants was positive, and includes comments such as: "This has been a comprehensive overview of critical industry changes," "I've found the key to keeping current with HIPAA modifications," and "Fantastic resources to reference in the coming months."

"We are eager to provide the health care community with specific examples illustrating the global changes that will affect all related transactions, including technical and structural modifications," said ASC X12 Chair, Dan Kazzaz.

Informational Forum: 275 Personal Health Record Transfer Between Health Plans Implementation Guide (005050X274)

An informational forum for the ASC X12N Personal Health Record Transfer Between Health Plans (275) Implementation Guide (005050X274) will be held on September 23, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the X12 Trimester meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

This guide has been developed by X12N TG2/WG9, which is the Patient Information Transactions work group within the Health Care task group of the Insurance Subcommittee of X12. X12 is an Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) under ANSI (American National Standards Institute).

At the informational forum, the Project Delegate will review comments received during the public review period and the work group's responses to them. This is the final opportunity to discuss the modifications made in response to the public review comments before the guide is published.

Discussion at the forum will focus on the comments made during the Public Review Period, not new requests for changes. If significant changes are requested at the informational forum and the work group decides they should be included in the guide, the work group will rework the guide and the review process will be repeated.

Please review the public review comments and associated work group responses before attending the informational forum. Public review comments and associated work group responses can be found at: www.wpc-edi.com/conferences/tg2/implementationguides
The draft implementation guide is available for download at: www.wpc-edi.com/products/publications/x274

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DISA Announces Two New Board Members

Sean Feeney of Inovis and Mike Sadiwnyk of GS1 Canada join DISA Board of Directors

The Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA) announced the election of new members to sit on its Board of Directors. New Board members include **Sean Feeney**, President and CEO, Inovis, and **Michael Sadiwnyk**, Senior Vice President, GS1 Canada.

The DISA Board of Directors officers include:

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For the 2008-2010 term, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Sadiwnyk will join incumbent members **Jonathan Lyon**, Federation of Tax Administrators; **Wayne Marshall**, EDI Specialists, Inc.; **Roger Trout**, Roger Trout Consulting and **Byron Warren**, Syscom Strategies, Inc.

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September ASC X12 Trimester Meeting: Social Event

Ahoy! Make your reservations now for a private evening cruise on **Wednesday, September 24, 2008** for X12 attendees and their guests on the Golden Clipper riverboat fleet. Tour the three rivers surrounding Pittsburgh on the 1½ to 2 hour cruise. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and drinks from a cash bar are available.

The Golden Clipper (www.gatewayclipper.com) has three decks: two are climate-controlled, and the top deck is an open observation deck. The vessel departs from a dock that is a 10 minute walk from the Omni.

The cost is \$35 per person. Payments may be made credit card or check. Checks should be made payable to DISA and sent to ATTN: Diane Huber, DISA, 7600 Leesburg Pike, Ste. 430, Falls Church, VA 22043. For credit cards, include the card type, number, expiration date and full name on card. You can also contact Diane at (703) 970-2057 or dhuber@disa.org.

DISA Reveals Prestigious 2008 Award Winners

The Data Interchange Standards Association announced the winners of the 2008 Edward A. Guilbert e-Business Professional Award and the Earl J. Bass e-Business Achievement Award.

Since 1991, DISA has awarded the Guilbert Award, recognizing significant career contributions in e-business message development, as the highest level of recognition bestowed upon a professional who demonstrates outstanding lifetime leadership in the e-business standards field.

The award is named in honor of Edward A. Guilbert, who served as a logistics officer during the Berlin Airlift of 1948 and later created the first system to exchange data electronically. Nominees are evaluated on their scope, duration and quality of service towards the advancement of e-business and electronic data interchange (EDI) standards.

The 2008 Guilbert Award is granted to Peter Randlev, who retired from IBM as a Senior Engineer – Manager, after 50 years of service there. Highlights of Mr. Randlev's career include his work to patent attaching a keyboard to a computer and developing security systems and for his role in creating the IBM Model 5275, a unit for numerically controlled machine tools. Mr. Randlev is the principal developer of numerous X12 transactions and has also made contributions in the international standards arena. He also served as chairman of the X12 Product Data subcommittee for five years.

The Bass Award honors outstanding achievements and leadership in support of e-business message development using EDI standards and eXtensible Markup Language (XML) messages during the past year.

The award recognizes Earl ("Buddy") J. Bass, the principal author of the first EDI standards manuals and the simple, coded syntax notes and terminology used to describe conditional data element requirements within segments. Nominees are assessed based on their achievements and leadership in the development and use of EDI standards and XML messages over the past year.

The 2008 Bass Awards recipients are David Feinberg, a nationally known healthcare leader in X12 and HIPAA standards, and Terry Garber, who has dedicated over twenty years of her professional career towards developing more than a dozen EDI transaction sets for X12, including 813 Electronic Filing of Tax Return Data, and the XML format in the Modernization of Electronic Filing for business and individual tax return submissions in the United States with both Federal and State Governments.

In the past year, Mr. Feinberg, President of Rensis Corporation, has worked collaboratively with X12, Health Level 7 (HL7) and health plans on the development of new plan-to-plan personal health record standards, including data portability between health plans. He is known as an excellent EDI resource and educator.

Ms. Garber, Manager of New Application Development, Information Resource Management Division, South Carolina Department of Revenue, has served as the central state coordinator for the rollout of the IRS-modernized Federal/State 1120 Corporate, the 1065 Partnership and the 1040 Individual Income e-File Programs, using standards developed under Ms. Garber's leadership of a task group including states, IRS, tax software developers, and tax services providers. Ms. Garber is highly visible in the nationwide Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) Registration System, designed to simplify tax filing for thousands of businesses, and authored standard SST XML schemas necessary to implement streamlined registration, filing, payment and audit procedures.

"We are honored to recognize these individuals whose dedicated commitment to advances in the X12 industry have such a profound impact on the efficiency of global data exchange," said Jerry Connors, President, DISA. These prestigious awards will be presented at the ASC X12 Fall 2008 meeting, September 21 – 26, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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