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**ASC X12 & WEDI Call for Speakers to Present at Conference on  
Health Savings Accounts and Real-Time Adjudication  
*Enabling Interactive Healthcare and Financial Communications*  
October 9-12, 2007 • Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, Vienna, VA**

***Falls Church and Reston, VA, July 16, 2007*** – The Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 and the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) are pleased to announce their upcoming Conference on Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Real-Time Adjudication (RTA), taking place Oct. 9-12 at the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner in Vienna, VA.

Building on the success of the first-ever February 2007 RTA Conference that attracted 200 executives, ASC X12 and WEDI are using this forum as a springboard to move RTA and HSA business models into widespread adoption across the marketplace. Together, they are preparing another dynamic agenda to advance HSA and RTA issues and the standards that drive them.

The HSA and RTA Conference agenda will cover such topics as: business process models for RTA, HSAs, HSA High Deductible Health Plans (HDHPs), and other Consumer Driven Healthcare Plans (CDHPs); RTA in today's Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) environment; operating rules on connectivity and data content; RTA as it relates to health ID cards; and much more. ASC X12 and WEDI are seeking speakers and panelists to present insights on these additional topics:

- Rules and regulations for HSAs, including HSA HDHPs and other CDHPs
- HSA business process models
- RTA business process models, current and proposed
- RTA impact on multiple segments of the industry
- The crucial need for standards in RTA and HSA environments

This event will address topics that will impact:

- Payers, including claims processors and clinical reviewers
- Providers, who manage patient accounts and health information management operations
- Clearinghouse representatives
- Employers, who enroll their employees in health plans and/or HSAs
- Financial Institutions/Banks
- Credit Unions
- Government Agencies
- Technology providers that offer electronic systems for patient accounting, clinical data, medical records and practice management
- Billers, coders and other health information management professionals

[Click here](#) to submit your presentation submission, which must be received by August 1, and watch [www.X12.org](http://www.X12.org) and [www.WEDI.org](http://www.WEDI.org) for conference updates.



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### **About ASC X12**

The Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12, chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1979, develops electronic data interchange (EDI) standards and related documents for national and global markets. With more than 315 X12 EDI standards and a growing collection of X12 XML schemas, ASC X12 enhances business processes, reduces costs and expands organizational reach. ASC X12's diverse member base includes 3,000+ standards experts representing over 350 companies from multiple business domains. To learn more about ASC X12 and how to participate in its vital standards-setting role for healthcare, insurance, transportation, finance, government and many other industries, visit [www.X12.org](http://www.X12.org) or call 703-970-4480.

### **About WEDI**

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) was established in 1991 to bring together a consortium of leaders within the healthcare industry to identify practical strategies for reducing administrative costs in healthcare through EDI. WEDI continued its EDI advocacy, and helped secure passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and was designated as an advisor to the HHS Secretary and as a facilitator of consensus on the implementation and fulfillment of this mandate. WEDI's programs and activities now also include the development of Clinical Standards, Interconnectivity of Healthcare through the utilization of IT, and expanding outreach to serve the needs of new constituencies in local/regional communities. In late August 2005, WEDI launched the National Provider Identifier Outreach Initiative (NPIOI). This effort is designed to serve as the focal point for information related to the planning, transition, and implementation of the NPI. WEDI's mission is to provide leadership and guidance to the healthcare industry on how to use and leverage the industry's collective knowledge, expertise and information resources to improve the quality, affordability and availability of healthcare.

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