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Midwest HIMSS Fall Technology Conference Indianapolis, IN – Nov 13-15, 2011

Building a Winning Team – Strategies for Healthcare IT Success

It's not too late to join us! We hope to see you at the Midwest HIMSS Fall Technology Conference. Highlights include the following guest speakers:

Todd Park, Chief Technology Officer, US Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Park will be speaking to us about Improving Healthcare through Technology Innovation.

C. Martin Harris, M.D., M.B.A., FHIMSS is the Chief Information Officer and Chairman of the Information Technology Division of the Cleveland Clinic and Chair of HIMSS Board of Directors.

Chuck Christian, FCHIME, FHIMSS is the Chief Information Officer of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes Indiana and was awarded the 2011 HIMSS CIO of the Year.

Nina M. Antoniotti, R.N., M.B.A., Ph.D. is the Program Director of Marshfield Clinic's Telehealth Network and past President of the American Telemedicine Association.

NEW OPPORTUNITY LUNCH WITH THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER!!

Sign up to attend Todd Park's presentation and lunch only on Tuesday, November 15th for only \$55.

Details available on the [Conference Web Site](#)



WI Dairyland Spring 2011 Conference Recap

The Wisconsin Dairyland Chapter of HIMSS held our annual Spring Legislative and Leadership Conference at the Waukesha Marriott in May of this year. The agenda was packed with perspectives from local healthcare IT executives, as well as leaders from HIMSS and our health policy contacts. Here are some highlights of the topics and speakers the HIMSS Dairyland Chapter was able to bring together for our members and guests:

Health IT Panel: State of Meaningful Use in Wisconsin:

Philip Loftus, Aurora Health Care; Bob DeGrand, Froedert & Community Health; Brian Foster, Luther Midelfort Health System; Will Weider, Ministry Health Care; Mike Sauk, UW Hospital & Clinics

With criteria announced nearly a year ago, the effort to achieve Meaningful Use is in full speed. CIOs from healthcare organizations across the state shared how their organizations have addressed the regulatory compliance necessary to achieve Meaningful Use in 2011 and what the future holds for their respective organizations in achieving Meaningful Use in the stages to come.

State Legislative Update:

Denise Webb, State HIT Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Kim Pemble, Executive Director/CEO Wisconsin Health Information Exchange
Webb, State HIT Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, led a panel, which included WHIE's Pemble, in a discussion of Wisconsin's HITECH implementation.

Federal Legislative Update:

Shelley Price Fichtner, Director of HIMSS Government Services

Fichtner provided an overview of Federal healthcare legislation and the impact on healthcare IT organizations. The presentation included the status of the Affordable Care Act, HITECH and other legislation relevant to our industry. HIMSS activity around the annual Policy Summit was also be discussed.

Preparing for ICD-10: A Discussion of Implementation Strategies and Challenges:

Barbara Zellerino, Consulting Services Executive, 3M Health Information Systems

This session reviewed the ICD-10 implementation timeline, challenges and critical success factors for managing ICD-10 transition. Attendees learned how to identify and assess organizational risk and readiness and could bring knowledge gained back to their organization to initiate and continue ICD-10 education programs and transition planning.

Please plan on joining us next May for our annual **Spring Legislative and Leadership Conference!** The 2012 Conference will again be held at the [Waukesha Marriott](#). If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns, please contact Kimberly Lamb, President-Elect, at lamb.kimberly.c@gmail.com.

Upcoming WI Dairyland Chapter Events – Save These Dates!

Central WI Regional Networking Event

When: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Where: University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Topic: Social Media

Speakers: [Jerry Mourey](#): Vice President of Information Technology and CIO, Aspirus, Inc.
[Will Weider](#): CIO of Ministry Health Care and Affinity Health System

Please join us for this informative and lively event. A light dinner will be served. Watch our site for additional details including registration information.

2012 WI Dairyland Spring Conference

When: May 16-17, 2012

Where: Milwaukee Marriott West – Waukesha, WI

Agenda: Under development

NOTE: Watch our site, <http://wisconsinhimss.org/>, for additional upcoming regional events around the state, including **Milwaukee, Madison** and the **Fox Valley**.

CPHIMS Study Groups

HIMSS WI Dairyland is proud to report we have kicked off our 5th CPHIMS study group in Milwaukee through the efforts of board member Daryl Duenkel and the generosity of Marquette University. A 6th study group was launched in Madison through the generosity of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. CPHIMS certification status has been achieved by many who have attended these study groups. Please contact Daryl for more information - dduenkel@wipfli.com.

HIMSS ADVOCACY AND POLICY

An Overview of Information Available via the HIMSS Website

One of the primary purposes of HIMSS is advocating for health IT to state and federal legislative bodies. The [HIMSS website](http://www.himss.org) contains an abundance of information about advocacy and public policy. HIMSS [Advocacy & Public Policy Center](http://www.himss.org/policy/) is accessed from the top menu bar on the home page.



Each legislative year, HIMSS produces [Call for Action](#), which is a set of health IT policy recommendations to the Administration and Congress. The 2011-2012 Call for Action theme is Enabling Healthcare Transformation Using Information Technology. It lists eight priority issues for health IT. The top three are

- 1) Defining each new Meaningful Use stage at least 18 months before the beginning of the next stage
Providers and vendors need far more time to plan for and meet the requirements for the next stage.
- 2) Establishing grievance processes for providers for Meaningful Use
Disputes over whether Meaningful Use requirements are met are bound to arise.
- 3) Developing an open and transparent EHR certification criteria process

The bases for criteria must be better understood and determined with substantial provider and vendor input.

The Advocacy and Public Policy page contains hyperlinks to a comprehensive review of Healthcare Reform, the latest health IT news and public policy events. One example is the [Legislation](#) link that takes you to a page of summaries and analyses of health IT.



Three additional interesting and valuable links (in the left column) include the [Legislative Action Center](#).



The Legislative [Action Center](#) includes features like Action Alerts, Directories of your elected Officials and even local media guides.



An **Action Alert** is an issue at hand in which HIMSS gives members the opportunity to easily communicate with their senators and congressmen. HIMSS writes a template, which can be edited and emailed to a member's federal or state elected official. You may join an [Action E-List](#) to get an alert "when *your* involvement can make a critical difference."

The Legislative Action Center also has a link to [Issues & Legislation](#), which summarizes current legislation. HIMSS covers key bills in Congress regarding a broad range of health IT topics including issues related to Medicare, Health

Law, Health Care, Social Security and Nursing. In addition, there are sections addressing topics including: Funding and Initiatives; Privacy and Security; Equity and Access; Population Health and Administrative Simplification.

The screenshot shows the HIMSS Legislative Action Center website. The browser window title is "HIMSS Legislative Action Center - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Freedom and Community Health". The address bar shows "http://capwiz.com/himss/issues/bills". The website header includes the HIMSS logo and navigation tabs: "HIMSS Positions", "Getting Involved", "Legislative Action Center", "Advocacy Activities", and "Advocacy News".

Below the header, there are links for "Home", "Elected Officials", "Issues", "Action", and "Media". A sub-menu for "Legislative Alerts and Updates" includes "Current Legislation", "Key Votes", and "Capitol Hill Basics".

The main content area is titled "Current Legislation" and "Key Bills in Congress". It features three tables of legislative information:

Bill Name	Number of Sponsors	Position
S. 2038 - Efficiency in Health Care (Enhance) Act of 2010	1	Monitoring
S. 801 - Information Technology Investment Management Act of 2011	4 (2 R, 1 I, 1 D)	Monitoring
S. 945 - Budget Control Act of 2011	1 (1 D)	Monitoring
H.R. 1705 - Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011	30 (24 R, 6 D)	Monitoring

Medicare Issues		
Bill Name	Number of Sponsors	Position
H.R. 2128 - STEAM (Stopping The Excessive Medicare Wastefulness) Act of 2011	4 (4 R)	vs OPPOSE the legislation
H.R. 492 - Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011	207 (196 R, 11 D)	Monitoring

Health Law Issues		
Bill Name	Number of Sponsors	Position
H.R. 556 - 'Draughting Patients' Choices Act	2 (2 R)	Monitoring
H.R. 429 - Repair the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	1 (1 R)	vs OPPOSE the legislation
H.R. 2 - Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act	182 (182 R)	Monitoring

Health Care Related Issues		
Bill Name	Number of Sponsors	Position
H.R. 10 - Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011	174 (173 R, 1 D)	Monitoring

This is just a sampling of the features available to you. HIMSS offers many tools to help keep you abreast of health IT policy issues and the ability to make your voice heard! Please take some time to visit these pages. You will undoubtedly learn something new – and quite possibly find something piques your interest to get involved and make a difference!