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ICMS AND HIPAA COMPLIANCE

One of the hottest issues in health-care today, addressing HIPAA compliance, is well underway at Wellsoft.

HIPAA—the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act—was enacted in 1996 to streamline the processing of healthcare claims and reduce paperwork. As part of this legislation, the Department of Health and Human Services proposed a number of standards that would protect the security of electronic information.

Final regulations for security standards and privacy regulations will apply to all healthcare providers. After release, providers have a two-year window to become compliant.

Anticipating the new regulations, Wellsoft has expanded the already robust ICMS security features to include many new security options. These new features include options such as requiring users to change passwords at regular intervals, tracking when users last

changed their passwords, preventing users from re-using passwords, recording all logon attempts and numerous other security features.

ICMS users can rely on Wellsoft to be at the forefront of ensuring compliance with HIPAA and all government regulations applying to Emergency Medicine. If you have any questions regarding these features, contact your Wellsoft representative at 800-597-9909 or e-mail us at Feedback@Wellsoft.com

FIRST CARILION SITE LIVE

Just completed is the successful implementation of patient tracking, reports, discharge instructions, prescriptions and HL7 ADT interface at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg, VA.

New River Valley is the first of five Carilion Hospitals planned for installation this year, utilizing a five hospital WAN.

Carilion chose to implement the system utilizing Wellsoft's thin client option, CITRIX Metaframe.

Greg Walton, Carilion Health System's CIO and VP of Information Services, President of HIMSS (Health Information Management Systems Society) was instrumental in choosing Wellsoft as the EDIS for the Carilion Health System.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Wellsoft can set colors to change on the tracking display as time elapses for status points such as triage, MD evaluation, etc. The status points and time intervals are chosen by each department to suit their needs.
- You can choose up to 70 items to appear at the top of every patient record. This eliminates searching the chart for things like allergies, medications and chief complaint.
- Putting the cursor on the "arrival" field, you can use the calendar to quickly locate records for a specific day.

NEW WELLSOFT CONTRACT :

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Wellsoft welcomes CHOP to the family of Wellsoft clients. Congratulations on their being ranked #1 children's hospital in the nation by Child magazine!

SYSTEM INTEGRATION SIMPLIFIED

The dynamic nature of software development and software standards has driven the recent revision of the HL7 standard, currently version 2.4. As always, Wellsoft is revising ICMS to meet this new standard.

HL7 (Health Level 7) is a standard for exchanging and translating data between computer systems, usually called interfacing. HL7 enables two disparate systems to talk to one another successfully.

Wellsoft has utilized the HL7 standard for years, enabling us to develop and maintain interfaces with systems such as SMS, HBOC, Meditech, IDX and many others.



No longer is the question "Does Wellsoft interface with XYZ system?" relevant. Wellsoft can and does interface with any HL7 compliant system.

Interfacing with the hospital ADT system enables patient information to appear instantly in the Wellsoft system, eliminating routine data entry on the part of clinicians. It also enables ICMS to communicate with laboratory, radiology and other ancillary systems, making order tracking and order entry functionality available in ICMS.

To discuss how HL7 interfacing can increase efficiency and enable your department to deliver more effective patient care, contact your Wellsoft representative at 800-597-9909 or e-mail us at Feedback@Wellsoft.com

WELLSOFT CORPORATION EXPANDS

Wellsoft is pleased to announce the expansion of our corporate headquarters in Somerset, NJ. On the heels of Wellsoft's most successful year ever, Wellsoft has doubled the size of its corporate office and has added three new staff members in the month of January. Thanks to all our clients for making our continued growth possible. The best is yet to come!

ICMS ENTERPRISE EDITION

Wellsoft is happy to announce the recent release of the ICMS Enterprise Edition. Record numbers of hospitals are merging to form new healthcare organizations and Wellsoft is eager to address the specific needs of these multi-hospital organizations. The Enterprise Edition, an expanded version of ICMS, holds a copy of all the data from every patient visit, from every hospital in the healthcare organization. This feature is the Clinical Data Repository (CDR) module.

The CDR can be accessed easily by the ED staff for quick patient lookup and used by administration for generating detailed reports that span all the emergency departments in the organization.

In addition, the CDR has special displays and reports designed specifically for the enterprise perspective.

The Enterprise Edition continues, like the standard ICMS version, to offer many implementation options. If you would like to discuss the options for your department, contact your Wellsoft representative at 800-597-9909 or e-mail us at Feedback@Wellsoft.com

UPCOMING EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

March 1-3, 2001 Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation : Benchmarks 2001, Orlando, FL

September 14-16, 2001 ENA Scientific Assembly, Orlando, FL

October 15-18, 2001 ACEP Scientific Assembly, Chicago, IL

Wellsoft Corporation will be exhibiting its latest products at the meetings listed. We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch for information regarding Wellsoft's informal *User Group* ... details to follow.