WPC Demonstrates Security & Compliance and ICD-10 Solutions With Microsoft at HIMSS12 Monday, February 20, 2012 05:00:00 PM (GMT)

WPC President Eric Mueller's Roundtable Discussion Offers Real-World Guidance to Solve 5010 Business Problems to Ease Migration to ICD-10

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HIMSS Annual Conference -- WPC, a full-service healthcare business process consulting organization in Brentwood, Tenn., announced today that it will exhibit its Security & Compliance and ICD-10 consulting practice solutions at the annual Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society's (HIMSS)

Conference this week in Las Vegas. Attendees can meet the WPC team and receive an overview of security solutions that optimize the safeguarding of protected patient data and address stringent HIPAA/HITECH regulatory demands at the Microsoft Corp. booth #1629 in the Venetian Sands Expo Center.

WPC will showcase its end-to-end analysis of processes, people and technology that have access to sensitive protected health information (PHI) to determine the right solutions to mitigate risk of data breaches, identity theft and fraud. WPC's security solutions use a practical process in the assessment of a healthcare organization's HITECH and HIPAA security compliance efforts as well as the preparation for and responding to data breaches.

The WPC team will provide an overview of its security solutions designed to:

- Analyze how protected health information (PHI) and personally identifiable information (PII) is created, received, maintained or transmitted across the enterprise.
- Identify who accesses PHI and PII as well as when, where, why and how it is accessed both within the organization and outside the organization by patients, partners and vendors.
- Evaluate how technology, such as systems, networks, mobile devices, tablets and social media, should be secured to promote HIPAA/HITECH compliance.
- Educate staff through training programs, policy and process review and input, and social engineering recommendations to increase employee awareness of responsibility for protecting PHI and PII in order to achieve compliance and guard against breaches.
- Deliver solutions and test them with clients.

"We're excited to showcase our Security & Compliance and ICD-10 solutions at this year's premier healthcare IT event," said Eric Mueller, services president, WPC. "The financial consequences of non-compliance with stringent HITECH regulatory demands for HIPAA violations can translate to millions of dollars lost and severe reputation damage. Healthcare organizations are faced with the challenge of driving innovation and superior health outcomes while simultaneously maintaining the increasingly high standards to protect health data. We take the business of healthcare security seriously, and we're committed to helping our clients innovate while providing the very best security and compliance framework."

"The WPC team has tremendous knowledge and expertise about the important issues affecting the industry," said Michael Robinson, general manager, U.S. Health & Life Sciences, Microsoft. "We are working together to help healthcare organizations optimize their operational performance, and effectively manage complex business problems while preparing for future regulatory challenges."

Additionally, HIMSS attendees can actively participate in Mueller's roundtable discussion to gain real-world guidance from their peers as well as lessons learned from 5010 that can ease migration to ICD-10. According to Mueller, because there is room for error in all parts of the transaction process, it is imperative that providers understand each data point throughout the revenue cycle process and the types of decisions being made by payers, including how they are interpreting 5010 requirements. The session, "5010 Aftermath: What Worked, What's Left and ICD-10 Preparation Tips," is 9:45 a.m. PST, Thursday, Feb. 23, in Room Galileo 905.

About WPC

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