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AHA, DISA and Washington Publishing Company Reach Deal to Provide Reduced Pricing on HIPAA Implementation Guides

WASHINGTON (August 17, 2009) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with the Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA) and Washington Publishing Company (WPC) to provide special pricing for AHA members to obtain the HIPAA implementation guides at reduced pricing.

DISA provides organizations with support and promotion of standards in data exchange and through its Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 has developed standards for HIPAA-mandated transactions that are useful to hospitals. HIPAA compliance and implementation can be complex and ASC X12's implementation guide is a useful resource for hospitals. This agreement allows AHA members who are not also members of ASC X12 to obtain the HIPAA implementation guides at reduced pricing.

“Since the release of the first standards - X12's insurance subcommittee, which include some hospital members, have sought to improve the design and efficiency of the standards, said Dan Kazzaz, Chair ASC X12. “These improvements along with this agreement will help hospitals to acquire the needed specifications to efficiently adopt X12's newest HIPAA version (5010) of the standards. ASC X12 looks forward to working with the AHA on this and future projects”.

The new HIPAA standards are slated for implementation on January 2012 will improve and streamline hospital billing processes. AHA members interested in acquiring these HIPAA guides at reduced pricing should visit the National Uniform Billing Committee website at <http://www.nubc.org/become.html> to place their order.

About ASC X12

Celebrating 30 years of Business Process and Technical Expertise in the Development and Adoption of Electronic Data Exchange Standards

The ASC X12, chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1979, develops EDI standards and documents for national and global markets. With more than 315 X12 EDI standards and increasing X12 XML schemas, ASC X12 enhances business processes, reduces costs and expands organizational reach. Members include standards experts from health care, insurance, transportation, finance, government, supply chain and other industries. To participate in ASC X12's vital standards-setting role, visit www.X12.org, or call (703) 970-4480.

About DISA

The Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA), Secretariat to ASC X12, is home for the development of cross-industry e-business interchange standards that help organizations improve business methods, lower costs and increase productivity. DISA provides administrative and technical support to ASC X12. For additional information, visit www.disa.org, or call (703) 970-4480.

About WPC

In addition to being X12's publisher, [Washington Publishing Company](#) (WPC) has a dedicated team of business process and technology experts that leverage their domain expertise building valuable solutions for clients. From assistance with strategy and business analysis, to software architecture and implementation, WPC offers a complete range of services and software components to help any organization realize value from technology. For additional information, call (425) 562-2245.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.