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ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION OUTSOURCING SERVICES NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Matt Rohs to Spearhead Leading Industry Organization

BOSTON, Mass., December 21, 2009 — The Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services (AHIOS), an organization committed to promoting excellence in the handling and dissemination of confidential patient-identifiable information, announced today the appointment of its new president—Matt Rohs. Rohs will take the helm of the association on January 1, 2010.

As president of AHIOS, Rohs will work to lead the organization's efforts to strengthen, enhance and raise awareness of the health information management (HIM) outsourcing industry while establishing standards of excellence for the entire industry to follow through legislative, regulatory and legal processes.

“Matt’s leadership experience coupled with his proven successes in the HIM community makes him the ideal person to lead our growing organization for the next two years,” said G. Michael Bellenghi, executive vice president of AHIOS. “His deep knowledge of the issues affecting the release of information (ROI) industry has made him a valuable advocate for our organization for the past nine years and we are honored that he will now spearhead our efforts as president.”

An industry veteran, Rohs has worked in the ROI industry for over 20 years. As vice president and general manager of HealthPort[®], a top-25 company in the health information technology industry, Rohs is responsible for all field operational activities and financial outcomes for the division. Prior to joining HealthPort, Rohs started his own ROI business where he worked for 10 years. A registered CPA, Rohs received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. Rohs is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

According to Rohs, AHIOS' mission to improve the state of the HIM industry was a key driver in his decision to run for the position of president. "I am extremely honored to be named president and will continue to work to take this organization to the next level through legislative and educational efforts," said Rohs. "Working with AHIOS members, it is my primary goal to ensure that all healthcare organizations have certified, experienced professionals available to them when considering outsourcing their HIM needs."

Rohs succeeds Bonnie J. Coffey in this position, a long-standing charter member of AHIOS. Coffey is currently president and chief executive officer of CM Information Specialists, a company that she founded in 1986 to provide outsourcing services in release of medical information and temporary help and consulting to HIM departments. She will continue to support AHIOS' goals as an active member of the association.

About the Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services

Established in 1996, AHIOS promotes, strengthens and enhances the health information management outsourcing industry while ensuring excellence in the handling and dissemination of confidential patient-identifiable information. Its goals are to increase awareness of the value, importance and complexity of the industry's services; establish standards of excellence for the industry of health information management outsourcing; pursue fair and equitable treatment of the industry through legislative, regulatory and legal processes; and create educational and networking opportunities for members.

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