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Five Leading Release-of-Information Outsourcing Organizations Join AHIOS

Datafile Technologies, Diversified Medical Records Services, Healthmark Group, Iron Mountain Incorporated and RecordConnect are Newest Members of Association that Promotes Excellence in PHI Disclosure Management

BOSTON, March 28, 2017 — The Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services ([AHIOS](#)), an organization of executives from the leading release-of-information (ROI) outsourcing companies who promote excellence in managing risk and compliance issues around disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) announced today that five leading organizations have joined the growing association. The new members include: [Datafile Technologies](#), [Diversified Medical Records Services](#), [HealthMark Group](#), [Iron Mountain Incorporated](#) and [RecordConnect](#).

“We have entered a very challenging time in healthcare and with ever-increasing and complex compliance and quality assurance issues, the need for ROI outsourcing is greater than ever before,” said Jim Bailey, president of AHIOS. “During this period of change and reform, it’s crucial that the ROI industry come together to deliver the highest quality services and create a more efficient healthcare system. The addition of these five leading ROI outsourcing organizations to AHIOS will strengthen our advocacy and education initiatives and will help us address the complex quality assurance and compliance issues that are essential to the work of our member organizations and the entire healthcare industry.”

According to AHIOS, nearly 80 percent of hospitals nationwide have already outsourced some or all of their disclosure management functions to alleviate the administrative burden of fulfilling medical record requests. Given the industry trends and the complexities that lie ahead, an increasing number of healthcare providers are expanding their outsourcing to organizations that specialize in disclosure management and who have the expertise and technologies to ensure compliance with federal, state and facility regulations. These organizations employ industry best practices and utilize innovative disclosure management systems that can effectively manage skyrocketing record request volumes while mitigating the associated risks.

“The goal of AHIOS is to ensure that healthcare organizations will always have cost-effective resources for outsourcing their health information management functions and access to a cadre of specialists who have the industry’s most advanced training and tools at their disposal for safeguarding one of healthcare’s most precious and complex resources: confidential patient information,” added Bailey. “AHIOS capabilities and resolve to achieve that goal has been greatly enhanced with the addition of these newest members.”

Click [here](#) to view the complete list of AHIOS members.

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 managing risk and compliance issues associated with the disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI). 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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