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Forward Advantage Validates CHIE Interoperability at the 2012 IHE North American Connectathon

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Fresno, CA (February 1, 2012) – Forward Advantage successfully demonstrated the interoperability of its Community Health Information Exchange Foundations (CHIEF) solution at the recent IHE Connectathon event held in Chicago, Illinois from January 9-14. The Connectathon provides a platform for supervised interoperability testing and problem resolution for a variety of technologies using IHE standards. The event included more than 150 participating vendors who tested their products against each other using scenarios found in the IHE's Integration Profiles.

CHIEF was co-developed with MEDITECH as a standards-based solution for storing, searching, and exchanging CCDs and other patient information within a healthcare community. As a full-fledged record locator service, CHIEF's interoperability was validated by testing successfully with more than 20 other vendors at the Connectathon. These results demonstrate CHIEF's ability to connect with EHR systems, hospital information systems, and departmental systems across the care continuum. "Forward Advantage's participation in the Connectathon represents our commitment to providing health data to MEDITECH customers," says Chris Roggenstein, president and CEO of Forward Advantage. "We're ensuring that these customers can securely exchange patient information with other vendors and hospital systems to enhance patient care and improve provider efficiency."

Forward Advantage tested the CHIEF platform on the following HIE service categories:

- Security: ATNA Auditing and Logging
- Time Synchronization: Consistent Time Client
- Document Registry/Repository: XDS.b Profile
- Document Exchange: Cross Community Access (XCA)
- Patient Privacy Consents: BPPC Profile

CHIEF's successful testing at the Connectathon qualifies Forward Advantage to participate in the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase held in Las Vegas this February. We will be demonstrating the exchange of health information and images between primary care and specialty care providers for patients diagnosed with cardiac conditions. Please plan on visiting us at Booth #11000 in the Interoperability Showcase to see interoperability in action during this real-world scenario. We will also be providing additional information and demonstrations on CHIEF at Booth #772 in the exhibitor hall.



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