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## **RISARC, CEO Richard Stephenson anchors AHCC conference discussion of the Nationwide Health Information Network**

- **Digital infrastructure allows healthcare providers, consumers and insurers to safely and securely transfer and exchange medical records in compliance with U.S. privacy laws.**
- **Providers can query the national network and send a standard and reliable set of medical records directly to the waiting emergency room.**

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Richard Stephenson, chairman and chief executive officer of RISARC, anchored and moderated a discussion of the Nationwide Health Information Network at the 8th Annual American Health Care Congress in Anaheim.

The annual American Health Care Congress and Exhibition (AHCC) is an intensive, two-day educational and networking forum, designed for senior health care executives and key decision makers from all industry sectors to address critical implementation challenges post-reform.

The Nationwide Health Information Network is a federally-sponsored initiative for the exchange of healthcare information being developed under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Stephenson was joined on the AHCC panel by Dr. Tim Cromwell, Director of Standards and Interoperability for the Office of Informatics and Analytics of the U.S. Veterans Health Administration.

Stephenson and Cromwell together reviewed the benefits of this new digital infrastructure for U.S. healthcare which allows health care providers, consumers and



insurers to safely and securely transfer and exchange medical records in compliance with U.S. privacy laws.

Said Stephenson: “This is a profound revolution, long promised, and now delivered. All of the major federal agencies involved in healthcare are finally on the highway – the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and many more private providers and insurers are hooking up every day. But the biggest beneficiaries will be the consumers who can have their health care history digitally transferred to care providers in real time – saving lives and saving money.”

Said Cromwell: “I’m particularly impressed with what the new network means for the veteran when they find themselves outside the VA system. If a veteran goes to a privately-owned emergency department at 3:00 A.M. to receive care, that caregiver will want to know what happened at the VA – over the past couple of weeks or over the past couple of months. The caregiver needs critical information that would influence the current situation. We can now query this new national network and send directly to the waiting emergency room a standard and reliable set of records. That’s a major leap forward.”

### **About RISARC**

RISARC is a leading national high-technology and revenue recovery consulting firm to the healthcare industry. RISARC, founded in 1990, has recovered over \$1 billion for its clients. The company offers the RMSe-bubble for secure Service™, a<sup>o</sup>electronic document exchange and the signature RISARC 360 single-source solution that combines healthcare revenue cycle expertise with innovative cloud-based, cost-saving technology to help clients optimize existing resources, meet business objectives and reach financial goals. RISARC is a pioneer and an approved health information handler for the esMD project of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which connects doctors and health care providers to the nation’s leading government healthcare plans.

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