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**State Conference Features “Harmony in Healthcare”
And Launch of Louisiana’s Health Information Exchange**

Baton Rouge, LA – Oct. 25, 2011 – The Louisiana Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (LaHIMSS) will sponsor its 2011 state conference on Nov. 3-4 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, La. The educational and networking event will also feature the official launch and demonstration of Louisiana’s health information exchange, known as LaHIE.

Entitled “Harmony in Healthcare,” the conference runs from Thursday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. It will feature national and state speakers as well as panel discussions covering topics such as Meaningful Use, Health Information Exchange, Healthcare Reform, ICD 10/HIPAA 5010 and Community Health Initiatives.

The launch of LaHIE is scheduled for Friday morning. Currently being piloted in the Acadiana region, LaHIE is the mechanism that will allow for the secure exchange of health information among authorized providers and across Louisiana’s health care system to help improve patient safety, quality of care and health outcomes. LaHIE is an initiative of the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum.

For LaHIMSS conference registration and sponsorship information, please visit <http://www.lahimss.org/> or contact Chad Cothern at ccothern@hire1099.com. For information about LaHIE, please contact Linda Morgan at lmorgan@lhcgf.org.

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About the Louisiana Chapter-Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (LaHIMSS)

The Louisiana Chapter of HIMSS, a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation focused on providing leadership in healthcare for the management of systems, technology and information. The Chapter promotes an organized forum for continuing education and exchange of ideas amongst its members to improve healthcare information and management systems that support patient care and wellness.

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its main areas of focus include quality measurement, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home, outreach/education and health information technology.