ABILITY Network Launches Partner Program for New FHIR-based API

Early Adopter Program Enables More Efficient Connections to ABILITY Platform

MINNEAPOLIS – Jan. 23, 2017 – <u>**ABILITY® Network**</u> today announced the launch of an early adopter program for its new FHIR-based API. FHIR is a draft standard describing interoperable data formats and an API for exchanging health records. This program provides ABILITY partners with a single, comprehensive interface that connects them to the ABILITY platform, while minimizing the amount of time and resources needed to learn and manage the complexities of each underlying technology.

This API technology is architected to support the scale and performance required for high-volume, high-availability applications, while also enabling partner-specific data transformation required for plug-in, legacy applications. It also provides extensibility for future types of interactions as industry standards emerge.

In this initial program, ABILITY partners will be able to conduct key eligibility interactions such as member lookup and coverage determination, and key payment interactions such as claim submission, acknowledgment and remittance download with ABILITY's national payer network using both traditional Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and FHIR-based formats.

"The industry's drive to more efficient, quality-based care coupled with the government's push toward greater and more flexible interoperability is creating new demands for sharing of healthcare information between and among providers, payers and partners," said Geoff Charron, executive vice president of Engineering at ABILITY. **"We recognize the inherent complexity in making healthcare systems talk to each other, and this initial release of our public API is a significant first step to making this simpler while providing a path to support new types of information-sharing as standards emerge."**

ABILITY partners include clearinghouses, payers and revenue cycle management companies, and Electronic Health Record (EHR), practice management and other software vendors.

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