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More Than 150 Partners Sign on to Celebrate Support National Health IT Week, September 12-16, 2011 *Activities Planned in D.C. and Across the U.S.*

Washington, DC—National Health IT Week (www.healthitweek.org) organizers announced today that 163 partners have signed on to celebrate NHIT Week, September 12,-16, 2011. NHIT Week Partners will be supporting the week in a number of ways from a Health Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., to activities planned in healthcare facilities across the U.S.

“We are so pleased that our more than 100 partners have come together during this critical time as a collaborative forum to educate both industry and policy stakeholders on the value of health IT fr transform our U.S. healthcare system,” said David W. Roberts, HIMSS Vice President for Government Relations.

With the theme, *One Voice, One Vision: Transforming Health and Care*, the Sixth Annual National Health IT Week (NHIT) includes several events to be held in Washington, D.C. including a congressional news briefing to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, and a Health Policy Summit on Wednesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 15. The news briefing will feature congressional representatives who have shown their support for health IT solutions to reduce rising health care costs and improve the safety of healthcare delivery, as well as national leaders from a few of the NHIT Week partner organizations.

Anyone involved with the health IT industry is eligible to become an NHIT Week partner. Partners can participate in activities as simple as adding “A Partner in 2011 NHIT Week” to their email signature, or as complicated as holding an event in your facility. Ten suggested partner activities can be found in the NHIT Week Partner Toolkit (www.healthitweek.org/toolkit_tenWays.asp). To sign up to be an NHIT Week partner, contact Amanda Griffith at nhitweek2011@gmail.com.

Credentialed media representatives interested in attending the NHIT Week press briefing should contact Sheri Singer, sheri.singer@verizon.net; 703-346-7111.

For more information about National Health IT Week, visit www.healthitweek.org/.

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About National Health Information Technology Week

Now in its sixth year, National Health IT Week is a collaborative forum assembling all key healthcare constituents—vendors, provider organizations, payers, pharmaceutical/biotech companies, government agencies, industry/professional associations, research foundations, and consumer protection groups—who are working together to elevate national attention to the necessity of advancing health IT to transform our nation's healthcare.