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DOSSIA EXECUTIVE APPOINTED NEW CCHIT COMMISSIONER

Richard Benoit lends healthcare technology expertise to organization's certification program

PORTLAND, Ore., October 20, 2008 – As new health information technology continues to gain adoption within the industry and among consumers, industry leaders are joining forces to create certification standards and ensure quality and security for all technology users. The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology ([CCHIT](#)) has named eight new commissioners on its 21-member board, including [Richard Benoit](#), Director of Ecosystem Development at [Dossia](#) and Senior Program Manager at Intel, a Dossia Founder Company.

Benoit was selected as a CCHIT commissioner, in part, for his health information technology expertise and his experience with Dossia, a not-for-profit consortium of several large U.S. employers united under a common vision -- to empower people and their doctors to be active partners for health by providing secure, convenient access to lifelong health information. Benoit also served on the Commission's [Personal Health Record \(PHR\) Advisory Task Force](#) this summer, which provided strategic guidance on the development for certification of PHRs.

In his role as a commissioner, Benoit will help facilitate CCHIT's mission to accelerate the adoption of health information technology by creating an efficient, credible and sustainable certification program. As commissioner, Benoit will represent CCHIT stakeholders, provide strategic direction, ensure objectivity and credibility, provide guidance to and review the reports of the organization's work groups, and approve the final certification criteria and processes.

“Employers foot the bill for almost half of the U.S. healthcare costs, so we have tremendous potential in helping to unlock barriers and provide consumers with access to their personal health information,” Benoit said. “It is essential to leverage our collective power and voice to help ensure the development, creation and adoption of technology, and I look forward to providing direction for the health information technology industry through my volunteer work with CCHIT,” he explained.

Further information regarding the Certification Commission can be found at www.cchit.org. Further information about PHRs and the Commission's work to certify PHRs can be found at www.phrdecisions.com.

About Dossia

Dossia is a non-profit consortium of several large U.S. employers who have united under a common vision -- to transform the U.S. healthcare system, reducing waste and facilitating better care, and empowering consumers with lifelong, personally-controlled health records.

The Dossia Founders Group includes AT&T, Applied Materials, BP America, Cardinal Health, Intel, Pitney Bowes, sanofi-aventis and Wal-Mart. Through Dossia, member organizations leverage their combined influence to break down barriers to health information, which will help drive consumer-initiated change.

The Dossia Founders Group is working with Children's Hospital Boston and other qualified and experienced vendors on the development and implementation of the Dossia network infrastructure. For more information, visit www.dossia.org.

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