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TO: Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) - **FOR
REVIEW**

FROM: John D. Halamka, MD
HITSP Chairman

RE: First Review of Gap and Overlap Analysis for Biosurveillance, EHR and
Consumer Empowerment

BACKGROUND: The HITSP chartered Technical Committees addressed three break through areas. Each Technical Committee was asked to identify, and analyze gaps and duplications within the standards industry as they related to a specific Use Case provided by the ONCHIT; provide a description of the gaps, including missing or incomplete standards; provide a description of all duplications, overlaps, or competition among standards for the relevant use cases; provide a listing of all standards that satisfy the requirements imposed by the relevant use cases as well as testing criteria that shall be used to test the standard; submit these recommendations to HITSP for review, approval and resolution. To date, the groups did a comprehensive analysis of the use cases to produce a candidate list of standards. The short term result is that the gaps/overlaps sections are brief. The groups believe detailed gaps/overlaps will emerge as they continue the analysis required to produce the interoperability specifications.

ACTION: Panel members should review the three Gap and Analysis documents that are available at the following location on hitsp.org:

<http://public.ansi.org/ansionline/Documents/Standards%20Activities/Healthcare%20Informatics%20Technology%20Standards%20Panel/Gap%20Analysis/>

(Note: The documents were not sent as an attachment due to their size. Please contact Michelle Deane at mmaasdeane@ansi.org if you have any trouble accessing the documents.)

Comments should be sent to the coordinator, Ioana Singureanu, prior to Monday, May 8th (with a copy to Jolie Salvano, project team coordinator). Comments received prior to Wednesday, May 4th may be summarized and presented at the May 4th Panel meeting. Due to the short turn around time, a template (attached) is being provided for use when submitting comments. Comments must be received in the required template (attached) to be considered.

Please submit comments (in attached template) to ioana@eversolve.com (with a copy to Salvano_jolie@bah.com) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, May 8, 2006.

NEXT STEPS:

1. A summary of the comments received to date will be presented at the May 4th Panel meeting, along with the presentation of the gap analysis results.

2. The Panel will be requested to provide provisional approval to move forward. This means that the Panel will approve the Gap Analysis assuming that the changes discussed at the May 4th meeting will be addressed.
3. The Panel members interested in assisting with developing strategies for addressing gaps and overlaps will be requested to self-identify and join a task force to work with the Technical Committee co-chairs.
4. Technical committee members will complete their analysis and the co-chairs will work with identified Panel members (HITSP Task Force) to develop strategies for resolving overlaps, duplications, and gaps.
5. The Panel will receive a revised version by May 17, 2006 for review and comment.
6. The Technical Committees are scheduled to deliver the gap analysis by May 29, 2006, then create a pool of candidate standards by June 29, 2006.

As always, we will continue to keep the Panel informed about the process.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at jhalamka@hms.harvard.edu