

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ACOM Health Intends RAPID Chiropractic Software Compliance with Economic Stimulus Plan Certification Rules: Chief Software Engineer

ATLANTA, Georgia, July 9, 2009 – Because healthcare is a highly monitored and regulated field, doctors are subject to compliance and reporting regulations from every level of government and as a consequence, comprehensive and accurate records are imperative, according to Vais Salikhov, chief software engineer at the ACOM Health Division of ACOM Solutions, Inc.

Now, he said, the need for timely and accurate records is about to grow significantly with the February passage of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Title XIII, *Electronic Health Records (EHR) under Medicare and Medicaid*, incentivizes doctors to adopt certified electronic health/medical records with bonus payments up to a total of \$44,000 over a five-year period as well as defines penalties for noncompliance.

The new legislation is part of a broad effort to contain healthcare costs, Salikhov said, and since private payers usually follow the lead of the Medicare/Medicaid establishment, they will likely put forth similar demands of their own.

“Historically, ACOM’s RAPID [chiropractic software](#) has been able to provide the kind of detailed documentation that is not only highly acceptable to third party payers, but which also presents the data in a well-organized manner that easily supports compliance tests at any level,” Salikhov said. “Our intention is to follow the development of the new certification rules closely and make sure that our doctors will be among the first to qualify for the bonus payments under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Those who delay may find themselves in a crush of last-minute filers.”

One of the key things doctors must understand, Salikhov said, is that the bonuses are paid on a basis of the prior year’s Medicaid or Medicaid billings.

“The bonuses are not insignificant and they can, in fact, more than cover the cost of a RAPID [chiropractic office software](#) solution,” he said. “Bonus payments commence in 2011, so it is imperative that doctors seeking to comply make sure that they have their certified system in place as soon as possible in order to familiarize themselves with the legislation reporting requirements and to begin assembling the data that will qualify them for the bonus payments.” [Chiropractors seeking information about the 2009 HITECH Act](#) are encouraged to visit <http://www.acomhealth.com> where they will find detailed information and FAQs.

About ACOM Health Division

ACOM Health serves chiropractic with products and services that enhance efficiency, cut costs, increase revenues and propel practice success. ACOM Health’s Chiropractic Consulting team helps practices ethically and legally maximize their billings and collections, while protecting the practice from the threat of a severe audit. ACOM Health’s Chiropractic Software Suite delivers Clinical Documentation and Notes, Patient Education, Home Exercises, and Practice Management for billing, scheduling, patient management and detailed reporting. For more information, call 866-286-5315 ext. 217, email acomhealth@acom.com, or visit <http://www.acomhealth.com>

###