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Dear Colleague,

The passage of the HITECH Act, the publication of the Final HIPAA Omnibus Rule, and the movement to use of electronic health records and health information exchange have made information risk management and compliance efforts a critical issue for health care providers. Organizations now need to take the necessary steps to ensure they and their business associates are doing everything they can to keep protected health information (PHI) safe.

After a thorough review of solutions designed to address the risks associated with the failure to safeguard PHI and other sensitive patient information, **the American Hospital Association has awarded its exclusive endorsement to Health Care Information Privacy, Security, Compliance and Risk Management Solutions from Clearwater Compliance, LLC.**

The proprietary *AHA Signature Due Diligence Process*[™] selected Clearwater Compliance's Health Care Information Privacy, Security, Compliance and Risk Management Solutions for their excellence in *enabling health care organizations and their business associates to protect patient information by helping them establish, implement and mature their information risk management programs.*

Clearwater's AHA Endorsed solutions guide organizations in understanding the regulations, identifying HIPAA-HITECH compliance gaps and taking the right steps to address risks through compliance, risk analysis and risk response software; technical tools; professional services; education; and training. The resulting improved risk management can help hospitals reduce costs associated with data breaches, ensure greater patient safety, improve the quality of care they deliver and uphold their positive reputations in their communities.

AHA Solutions sets strategy and determines selection criteria against market need, driven by input from and knowledge of the hospital community, to assess relevant products and services. When a product/service demonstrates outstanding commitment to health care excellence and leadership in all selection criteria, the AHA proudly awards its exclusive endorsement.

With its Health Care Information Privacy, Security, Compliance and Risk Management Solutions, Clearwater Compliance has proven its commitment to assisting organizations that value the protection of patient information privacy and security. Hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations selecting a product or service that is endorsed by the AHA can be confident it has met the AHA's highest standards. To learn more about Clearwater Compliance's AHA Endorsed solutions, Clearwater Compliance and AHA Solutions, please contact **Eric Boggness** at **312.895.2533** or **eboggness@aha.org**.

Sincerely,

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