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HCCA, AIS and MediRegs Announce the Launch of Compliance Portal

Minneapolis, MN ---March 17, 2003--- The Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA), Atlantic Information Services (AIS), and MediRegs have established the HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance AllianceSM, a single gateway to the regulatory and compliance information that compliance professionals need to effectively address their growing responsibilities.

According to Roy Snell, CEO of HCCA, “Compliance professionals are inundated with regulatory information that is disorganized, poorly formatted, hard to sort through and in some cases not up to date. We are addressing this issue by creating the HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance Alliance, a single source for up-to-date and accurate regulatory and compliance data, documents, news and analysis. The solution goes a long way to helping compliance professionals ensure they have the knowledge they need to be effective.”

The HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance Alliance provides full access to over 2,000 databases, newsletters and other resources, such as codebooks and calculators, in easy to use formats such as PDF, Word, Excel, and look-up tools. Delivered on a platform that can be customized by role, job, and organization, subscribers will spend a fraction of the time searching for information they need and be confident that they have the full, up-to-date picture. They will also have the option to extend into an enterprise solution that includes training, audit and monitoring tools and customization to create a platform for compliance.

“The HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance Alliance will add a tremendous capability for AIS’s compliance subscribers,” said AIS President Rick Biehl. “It’s a perfect complement to the news and strategic information we now provide.”

Compliance professionals can get this new service through an annual subscription. Members of HCCA and AIS newsletter subscribers will be offered a free trial membership, including online and phone assistance.

“We have an effective solution that adapts to the evolving needs of health care compliance professionals across a broad spectrum of issues and information sources, such as privacy, reimbursement, marketing, fraud and abuse, clinical trials, pharmaceuticals, devices and legislation,” said Steven Lefar, President of Mediregs. “The HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance Alliance and the MediRegs platform can become a cornerstone of compliance programs and we will work closely with our customers to deliver on that goal.”

The HCCA-AIS-MRI Compliance Alliance Website is <http://compliancealliance.mediregs.com>

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About Mediregs, Inc.:

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MediRegs is a leading provider of regulatory and compliance databases to regulatory professionals throughout the health, life science, medical and food industries. MediRegs dedicated staff of editors and software developers, have developed and maintain nearly 2,000 collections of regulatory data. MediRegs has over 2,000 customers and more than 10,000 users, including top global pharmas and device makers, Fortune 50 consumer product companies, nationally recognized providers, 10 BCBS plans, 15 different federal agencies and over three-dozen of the leading health care law firms and compliance consultants. To learn more about MediRegs, its services and programs, go to <http://www.mediregs.com>.

About Atlantic Information Services, Inc.:

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Atlantic Information Services, Inc. (AIS) is a publishing and information company that has been serving the health care industry for more than 15 years. It develops highly targeted news, data and strategic information for managers in hospitals, managed care plans, medical group practices, pharmaceutical companies and other health care organizations. AIS products include print and electronic newsletters, looseleafs, books, strategic reports, and databases. To learn more about AIS, its services and programs, go to <http://www.aishealth.com>.

About the Health Care Compliance Association:

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The Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA), a six-year old 501-C6 organization, is the only national, non-profit organization solely dedicated to improving the quality of health care compliance. Its mission is to champion ethical practice and compliance standards in the health care community and to provide the necessary resources for compliance professionals and others who share these principles. HCCA's roles include facilitating the development and maintenance of health care compliance programs; providing a forum for understanding the complicated health care compliance environment; and offering tools, resources and educational opportunities for those involved with compliance in the health care industry. To learn more about HCCA, its services and programs, go to <http://www.hcca-info.org>.

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