

MDE Achieves Full EHNAC Certification

Leading dental clearinghouse recognized for excellence and commitment to providing secure health data processing and transactions

Red Bank, NJ – April 26, 2011 – Mercury Data Exchange (MDE), a provider of real-time electronic data interchange services for dental offices, payers and vendors, announced today it has achieved full accreditation with the Healthcare Network Accreditation Program (HNAP) from the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC). By meeting all of the criteria outlined by HNAP, MDE is recognized for its excellence in electronic data interchange services and guarantee of compliance with the latest industry standards and regulations.

“Our recognition by EHNAC further demonstrates our commitment to providing dental offices with the technology they need to process and manage claims,” said Brian Cutler, senior vice president at MDE. “We fully appreciate the strict standards EHNAC requires during this comprehensive and rigorous evaluation process, and I’m happy to share this achievement with our employees, customers and partners.”

For the accreditation process, MDE was evaluated in areas of privacy and confidentiality, technical performance, business practices, resources and security. Accredited companies were held to the established HNAP-EHN criteria, including the following:

- **Privacy and confidentiality** - Companies must be able to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of protected healthcare information.
- **Technical performance** - Companies must provide customers with the capability to effectively communicate messages and records electronically.
- **Business practices** – Companies must have business practices that facilitate the maintenance of the technical performance criteria, including procedures for measuring customer satisfaction and education
- **Resources** – Companies must possess the physical, human and administrative resources necessary to maintain a high level of technical performance and business practices.
- **Security** - Companies must comply with the applicable standards, implementation specifications, and requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information.

After review by EHNAC, it was determined that MDE had met or exceeded all HNAP criteria and industry standards as outlined.

“With recent changes in legislation and compliance requirements, this is a crucial time for healthcare networks to ensure that they’re adhering to the latest standards in privacy, security and confidentiality,” noted Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC. “In order to earn EHNAC HNAP accreditation, healthcare networks are required to demonstrate excellence and a commitment to ensuring the security and privacy of health data processing and transactions for their customers. MDE joins this select group of HNAP-accredited organizations.”

About MDE

Mercury Data Exchange connects dental practices, payers and vendors through real-time technology, including eligibility and benefits verification, real-time claims adjudication,



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electronic remittance advice and electronic funds transfers. These tools enable dental organizations to minimize paper-based processes, streamline workflow, speed payment times and reduce administrative costs. To learn more, visit www.whymde.com.

About EHNAC

The [Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission](http://www.ehnac.org) (EHNAC) is a voluntary, self-governing standards development organization (SDO) established to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data. These entities include electronic health networks, payers, financial services firms, health information exchanges and e-prescribing solution providers.

EHNAC was founded in 1993 and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Guided by peer evaluation, the EHNAC accreditation process promotes quality service, innovation, cooperation and open competition in healthcare. To learn more, visit www.ehnac.org or contact info@ehnac.org.

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