



MMIS Conference News

This year's conference is shaping up to be an exciting one! As of Thursday, July 21, over 1,000 individuals had registered for the conference. The agenda is jam packed with timely topics covering not only MMIS and MITA, but Health Information Technology, ACA, and ICD-10. Of course, we're all anxiously awaiting the unveiling of MITA 3.0.

With such a large registration response, hotel accommodations have become an issue. The conference hotel sold out of rooms very quickly, so NESCSCO has arranged for several overflow hotels. Currently the Doubletree-University Area located at 1617 IH-35 North, Austin, has rooms. They have government rate (\$104) and non-government rate (\$139) rooms, but they will not last for very long. If you have not already reserved your hotel, please check the conference website for reservation information or call 512-479-4000 ASAP.

All Vendor Meeting

At 2 pm on Monday, August 1, PSTG will be hosting an All Industry Session in room 406. We have a full agenda planned for the 1 ½ hour session. In addition to a brief business session of the PSTG, we will hear from our standing committees, hearing about their activities for the past year and plans for the coming year. We will also discuss recent PSTG initiatives to support CMS and States through the development of white papers on relevant topics. These papers afford the vendor community an unparalleled opportunity to weigh in on issues facing the government health care industry and provide non-partisan research and support.

We will also hear from our first White Paper Committee on Funding Sources, chaired by Robin Chacon. This committee is focused on analyzing the funding sources available to support current health care information technology initiatives and mandates affecting state governments. This topic is one of several requested by CMS, and is the first in many efforts to be responsive to current issues faced by States in this dynamic environment.

We will close the meeting with a discussion of future topics for White Paper Committees, and prioritizing the next topics to be addressed. We will also be recruiting both leaders and participants for these committees, so please come prepared to get involved!

Remember: You do not have to be a member of PSTG to attend and participate in the All Industry Session. We sincerely hope you will join us on Monday at the conference!

Membership Update

Thanks to all of the companies that have paid their 2011 dues to PSTG!

Membership to PSTG is open to a broad-based group of information technology companies and professionals providing solutions in the Medicaid health information systems environment. Membership ranges from companies and professionals that provide system design, development, and implementation services to companies and professionals that provide advisory and strategic services.

In addition to networking with other leaders in the health care technology marketplace, being a part of the PSTG offers additional opportunities within this dynamic industry. The PSTG is often called upon by CMS to address topics of concern or particular interest, creating the need for special committees or workgroups. These committees offer PSTG members the chance to actively participate in a variety of ways to help craft the industry response to be used by CMS and States in addressing these issues.

Any business or person interested in becoming a member can complete a membership application on our website at <http://www.pstg.org/Members.html>. Annual membership dues are \$100 per organization, and organizations may have participation of multiple staff. If you haven't already joined PSTG, the MMIS Conference provides an excellent opportunity to do so. Dues are \$100 per year **per company**, a bargain by anyone's measure.

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