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## **Healthcare Administrative Technology Association (HATA) to Address Blockchain, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and Interoperability During National Meeting**

*Industry Stakeholders to collaborate on strategic initiatives and key topics impacting the ever-changing healthcare landscape*

**LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. – March 21, 2018** – The [Healthcare Administrative Technology Association](#) (HATA), today announced it will hold its Spring National Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 5 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm EDT at NextGen Healthcare in Atlanta, GA. The day-long event will bring together industry stakeholders for a series of high-level sessions focused on industry impacting topics including an understanding of blockchain and how it might affect healthcare; the 21st Century Cures Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018's impacts to revenue cycle vendors and providers; as well as the lack of interoperability between providers' administrative (PMS) and clinical (EHR) systems which is bringing about a host of attachment challenges.

“As healthcare information technology leaders, it is critical to have an understanding of the impacts of new technologies, regulations and other administrative challenges – such as interoperability and prior authorization – which are influencing our ever-evolving healthcare landscape,” said Tim McMullen, JD, CAE, executive director of HATA. “Our National Meeting will provide the setting for a broad range of stakeholders to participate in open and focused discussions on these important and timely issues.”

In addition to networking opportunities and updates on association focused strategic initiatives, attendees will hear firsthand from industry leaders through a series of discussions and presentations offering best practices and case studies, including:

- **Blockchain Impacts to the Business of Healthcare** – Tony Little, ND, senior director, Integration Strategy, Optum360
- **Want to be Happier and Sell More to Your Clients? Try the Amare Way** – Moshe Engelberg, PhD, Founder & CEO, ResearchWorks, Inc.
- **Practice Management Systems and Electronic Health Records: Attachment Challenges** – John Kelly, principal business advisor, Edifecs
- **The Laws They are a Changin': 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018** – Stanley Nachimson, principal, Nachimson Advisors, LLC

While geared towards current HATA members, non-members who are interested in attending or in becoming a member can contact Tim McMullen, JD, CAE, executive director at [tim@hata-assn.org](mailto:tim@hata-assn.org) or (855) 440-HATA (4282). Visit the [meeting page on the HATA website](#) to register online.



### **About HATA**

The Healthcare Administrative Technology Association (HATA) is a non-profit trade association that provides a forum for the PMS industry and other affiliated stakeholders. The association serves as the representative voice to advocate and influence key stakeholders and government representatives on PMS Vendor issues. Its members: ALC Consulting, AllMeds, Alpha II, American Medical Association, AMBA, Availity, Cognizant, e-MDs, eProvider Solutions, EZClaim, GeBBS Healthcare, Greenway Health, HealthPac, InstaMed, Medinformatix, MGMA, NextGen Healthcare, Office Ally, Optum, PAHCOM, PaySpan, PracticeAdmin, PracticeInsight, WorkCompEDI and Zelis Payments represent more than 600,000 providers. To learn more about the Healthcare Administrative Technology Association, visit the website at [www.hata-assn.org](http://www.hata-assn.org) or contact Tim McMullen, JD, CAE, Executive Director, 844-440-HATA (4282) or [tim@hata-assn.org](mailto:tim@hata-assn.org).

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