

Santa Rosa Consulting and 3M Health Information Systems Team to Deliver ICD-10 Migration Services

March 28, 2011 – Santa Rosa Consulting, Inc., a national provider of advisory and consulting services, implementation and integration services and staffing services to the healthcare industry today announced that it has signed an agreement with 3M Health Information Systems to deliver ICD-10 Migration Services to their healthcare provider clients. These services will help clients achieve compliance with the ICD-10 and 5010 requirements and assist them in taking advantage of ICD-10's potential for improving quality and financial performance.

The transition to 5010, which must be complete no later than January 1, 2012, is a technical and potentially challenging migration that requires significant testing and coordination with trading partners. Many organizations are finding themselves challenged with resource constraints and access to expertise. 5010 is a pre-requisite to migration to ICD-10, which has far reaching implications to an enterprise's applications, databases and reporting systems. Planning and implementing this transition is a multi-year process and must be complete by October 1, 2013.

Santa Rosa Consulting will apply its deep domain expertise in IT Assessment and Planning for both 5010 and ICD-10 Migrations, leveraging proven tools and methodologies to rapidly identify key issues and risk areas. The migration plans will utilize Santa Rosa's broad experience with implementing healthcare clinical and revenue cycle solutions, planning and implementing integration technology solutions and assisting clients with business process redesign and improvement.

3M has over 15 years experience in developing and maintaining ICD-10 products and services around the world. Under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Center for Health Statistics, 3M developed the ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) and the General Equivalence Mappings (GEMS) and Reimbursement Maps.

Doug Hires, Partner with Santa Rosa's Consulting & Advisory Practice stated, "We believe Health System executives must quickly gain a thorough understanding of the requirements and the potential impact this transition will have and take the critical steps now toward planning for migration, mitigating risk and implementing these changes effectively. By combining our services with 3M, we tackle both the technical and the business issues involved in the transition. I'm excited about the partnership and know our clients will benefit greatly from the experience we bring and the results we'll be able to deliver in clinical documentation improvement even before they transition to ICD-10."

"ICD-10 will touch every aspect of health care operations, so it's critical that organizations have a comprehensive transition plan," said Garri Garrison, Consulting Services business director for 3M Health Information Systems. "Working together, Santa Rosa Consulting and 3M will deliver a comprehensive approach to transition planning that will help facilities understand how to take strategic advantage of ICD-10 for clinical, financial, and operational improvement."

About Santa Rosa Consulting

Santa Rosa Consulting is a national provider of information technology and management consulting services to the healthcare industry. Founded in 2008 by industry veterans Richard Helppie and Tom Watford, Santa Rosa offers a broad scope of management advisory services as well as technical consulting expertise across the full range of IT vendor products and systems including information technology planning, implementation consulting, and staffing and recruitment services. For more information about Santa Rosa Consulting and its services please visit www.santarosaconsulting.com or call 866-944-4772.

About 3M Health Information Systems

3M Health Information Systems delivers comprehensive software and consulting services to help organizations worldwide improve clinical documentation, quality, and financial performance across the healthcare continuum. 3M offers integrated solutions for medical records coding, ICD-10, dictation and transcription, speech recognition, clinical documentation improvement, quality, and data standardization and vocabularies, effectively meeting the industry's changing needs. For more information about 3M Health Information Systems please visit www.3Mhis.com or call 800-367-2447.