

## ABILITY Network to Demonstrate the Direct Project at the ONC Annual Meeting

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#### About ABILITY

ABILITY works to save lives by facilitating information exchange and knowledge-sharing among every participant within the healthcare spectrum – hospitals, physician practices, home care providers, DMEs, and private and government payers – as well as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In use for more than a decade in more than 3,000 hospitals across the country, ABILITY's network supports healthcare decision makers in their quest to promote care coordination and collaboration, reduce record fragmentation, participate in new and emerging care models, and access the Direct Project network and state and community-based Health Information Exchanges (HIEs). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – November 15, 2011** – ABILITY Network Inc™, the nation's largest and most secure web-based health network, announced today that they have been invited to participate at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Annual Grantee Meeting November 16-18, 2011 at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel.

As part of the program, ONC is highlighting the practical application of interoperable health information exchange. ABILITY will be participating in a Technology Showcase that includes interoperability demonstrations by federal partners and private organizations along with demonstrations of health IT innovations being developed through the office of the Chief Scientist. ABILITY will be demonstrating an actual exchange of information between provider organizations.

“ABILITY's critical role in the Direct Project and support of HIEs to enable meaningful use affords us the opportunity to participate in the Showcase. It is exciting to be working with the ONC to promote adoption of this technology,” said Mark Briggs ABILITY CEO.

The Annual Meeting will bring together the awardees of all of ONC's programs created through the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act.

As one example of how ABILITY is promoting State HIE grantee implementation, ABILITY is promoting the Direct Project and helping Minnesota hospitals qualify for meaningful use as part of the Minnesota Department of Health e-health grant initiative announced last month.