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## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***FIRST HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE AND MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY FORM AFFINITY PARTNERSHIP***

**Wilmington, DE and East Lansing, MI- June 26, 2015**—First Healthcare Compliance®, a national leader in compliance program management solutions for the healthcare community, today announced an affinity partnership with Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS), a professional association of more than 15,000 Michigan physicians.

First Healthcare Compliance helps physicians in private practice, hospital systems and health networks, skilled nursing facilities and healthcare billing companies save time and money implementing programs to meet the rules and regulations of the Affordable Care Act by providing a comprehensive “turnkey” compliance program management solution and services.

Working together, MSMS introduces the First Healthcare Compliance solution to provide Michigan physicians with a “single-source” solution to implement and manage a compliance program. A solution that addresses HIPAA/HITECH, OSHA, the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark in a simple, efficient and effective manner, *all from one place*.

“We are very excited about our latest partnership,” said Rose M. Ramirez, MD, MSMS President. “The ultimate benefit to our members is the ability to implement a ‘best in class’ compliance program management solution to reduce the significant time, costs and risks associated with non-compliance, yet without detracting valuable resources from the delivery of health care. It’s a win-win proposition for all.”

“As First Healthcare Compliance continues to grow nationally, we are committed to developing select partnerships with new Affinity Partners. It is a winning proposition for qualified organizations to offer a truly unique and valuable new service to their members. We make it easy for our partners to do this by providing them with “ready to use” tools and resources,” said Julie Sheppard, Founder and President of First Healthcare Compliance. “We are thrilled that

MSMS has chosen to partner with us, as this serves to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to providing innovative resources and tools for healthcare practitioners and professionals to better manage their practice.”

Ms. Sheppard continues, “Like us, MSMS understands the timely and pressing needs of this market for a comprehensive compliance solution. They recognize the incredibly limited resources available and the void that the First Healthcare Compliance comprehensive compliance program management solution fills.”

For further information on the First Healthcare Compliance Partnership program, please visit <http://1sthcc.com/partners/> or contact First Healthcare Compliance at 888.54.FIRST.

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### **About First Healthcare Compliance**

First Healthcare Compliance® provides solution and services to address the needs of physicians in private practice, those in healthcare networks, health systems, or skilled nursing facilities, and those serving as healthcare billing companies by offering innovative resources and tools to implement and maintain a high quality compliance management program in a simple, effective and efficient manner that saves time and money. The new business model created by First Healthcare Compliance enables them to serve as a single-source, comprehensive compliance solution.

A privately-owned women business enterprise founded in 2012 in Wilmington, DE by Julie Sheppard, First Healthcare Compliance was created from the rising concern Julie had in witnessing the increasing demands being placed on physicians and other healthcare providers to comply with the new rules and regulations of the Affordable Care Act. As a nurse, an attorney, and a physician’s spouse, Julie identified a widening gap between the expectations of government and the reality of compliance for healthcare professionals. She recognized the void of practical compliance resources and options to solve these needs; this became the impetus for the formation of First Healthcare Compliance.

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### **About Michigan State Medical Society**

The Michigan State Medical Society is a professional association of more than 15,000 Michigan physicians. Its mission is to promote a health care environment which supports physicians in caring for, and enhancing the health of Michigan citizens through science, quality, and ethics in the practice of medicine.

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