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Chris Apgar, CISSP, president of Apgar & Associates, LLC and former HIPAA Compliance officer for Providence Health Plans in Oregon and SW Washington, is a nationally recognized information security, privacy, transaction & code sets, national identifier, HIPAA & electronic health information exchange expert. His clients range from small to large health plans, providers, healthcare clearinghouses, vendors, non-profits, government and health care associations.

Mr. Apgar is a member of the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) Board of Directors, co-chair of the WEDI Regional Affiliates, contributing editor of the *HIPAA Compliance Insider* Advisory Board, a member of the *Security Compliance Insider* Advisory Board, and chairs the Oregon & SW Washington Healthcare, Privacy & Security Forum. He is a member of the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) technical advisory panel working with the US Department of Health & Human Services to develop national privacy & security solutions to assist in confidential and efficient electronic health record exchange within and between states. He is a member of the Oregon Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee. Mr. Apgar is a noted speaker and author in this field.

For 22 years Mr. Apgar has been employed in progressively responsible public & private sector positions including project management; systems development; governmental pension management and as a state government senior policy advisor. He has considerable experience in team-building and organizational development through quality management, collaboration, and quality leadership. Mr. Apgar now operates an independent consulting firm specializing security; privacy; regulatory compliance; electronic health information exchange, global & detailed business process review; information systems project development; and lobbyist activity.