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CCCG: A Counseling Success Story

The Care and Counseling Center of Georgia (CCCG) marked 50 years of providing counseling to individuals, couples, families, veterans, congregations and businesses in a celebratory luncheon last Wednesday.

Called Healing and Hope for the Journey, the event functioned not only to commemorate its half-century of serving the Atlanta community; it also provided fund-raising for a non-profit organization that raises 20% of its operating budget and doesn't turn away anyone seeking help.

CCCG, a membership organization of the accrediting body the Samaritan Institute, offers counseling, counselor training and chaplaincy. Counseling is provided to over 10,000 people annually, serving both the general population and sliding scale / low income communities.

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HIPAA Omnibus Has Teeth

There's been a lot of talk about the new Omnibus rule: a 563 page amendment to HIPAA released in January that went into effect on March 26, 2013. Covered entities (CEs) and business associates must comply with its regulations by September 23, 2013, which means that you need to identify necessary changes and start implementing them now to ensure you're compliant in time.

Once reason is because the new HIPAA has teeth. [\(Read more...\)](#)



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HIT Primer / Acronym Guide

Trying to read about HIT (health information technology) and MU (Meaningful Use) can be challenging enough without having to decipher all of the various acronyms sprinkled throughout the literature. To help streamline your experience, we've created a handy-dandy HIT Primer and Acronym Guide, formulated specifically for mental health professionals.

ACO: Accountable Care Organizations: groups of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers who come together voluntarily to give coordinated high

quality care to their Medicare patients. The goal of coordinated care is to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, get the right care at the right time, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services and preventing medical errors. Medicare offers several ACO programs. [\(continue reading ...\)](#)

