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**COPIC MEDICAL FOUNDATION AWARDS 9HEALTH FAIR \$20,000 GRANT
FOR HEALTH IT PROJECT**

Denver, CO — 9Health Fair has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from COPIC Medical Foundation it was announced last week. The grant will be used to advance 9Health Fair’s Health IT project in the spring of 2013, which will enhance the organization’s ability to securely report and store electronic health records for health fair participants.

With this grant, 9Health Fair participants who register for a fair online have the ability to access their screening results online within two weeks of attending their fair (those who register in person are mailed their screening results within four weeks of attending their fair). Not only does the online tool save money in postage and data entry, it improves the overall efficiency of 9Health Fair by using fewer volunteers and leaving less room for error. Future design improvements to the online tool would include the use of trending to compare results, more in-depth education about screenings and results, and links to health risk assessments.

“I’m excited that we are now enabled to have full control over the technologies so that we can better meet our health fair participant needs today and into the future,” says Michael Niederhauser, Director of Information Systems for 9Health Fair. “COPIC’s generosity has opened the door for us to incorporate many new improvements, which up until this point, have just been ideas. We are looking forward to seeing how this grant will help us continue to move in the right direction.”

The partnership between COPIC Medical Foundation and 9Health Fair has been created out of their mutual commitment to improving the health of their surrounding communities. COPIC Medical Foundation works to improve health care outcomes by providing grant funding for programs and initiatives that improve patient safety and quality of care through education and training of health care professionals, systems changes and improvements, pilot programs that are designed to reduce medical errors, and development and implementation of checklists and other tools to improve disease management and transitions in care. 9Health Fair, an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is Colorado’s largest volunteer-driven health fair program that promotes health awareness and encourages individuals to assume responsibility for their own

health through free and low-cost health screenings and education programs. Since 1980, 9Health Fair has impacted 1.7 million lives.

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