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Availity Awarded Full EHNAC Accreditation

Awarded for the Ability to Perform at the Highest Level of Industry Standards

JACKSONVILLE, FL- Availity, L.L.C., a leading e-health information exchange, today announced it has received full accreditation by The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC). EHNAC is an accreditation agency that provides independent peer evaluation of an organization's ability to perform at industry established levels.

Achieving a near perfect score on criteria self-assessment documentation and site reviews, Availity submitted to an extensive independent evaluation of its capability to perform at the highest level of standards for the electronic processing of health information. The EHNAC accreditation process required a rigorous assessment of compliance with current performance criteria verified by a site review and approval by the commission. Every aspect of Availity's business operations was thoroughly tested and evaluated as part of this process, including the technology infrastructure, data security, emergency preparedness, and customer service. All areas passed the strict guidelines for accreditation.

"We take great pride in our EHNAC accreditation and believe that standards such as those established by EHNAC are vital to ensure the safe, secure exchange of health information," said Russ Thomas, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Availity. "Availity is committed to performing at the highest levels, and EHNAC accreditation demonstrates our commitment to overall excellence in the health care industry."

Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC said of Availity, "Today Availity joins a select group of clearinghouses that have demonstrated to independent third party evaluations their ability to deliver their services consistent with the only standards in the industry that measure the overall business practices of a clearinghouse."

About EHNAC

EHNAC is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting agency that provides independent peer evaluation of an organization's ability to perform at industry-established levels. EHNAC's function is to promote administrative simplification and cost savings in the health care industry and to provide the health care transaction industry with an independent capability to develop industry standards, known as EHNAC Criteria. The mission of EHNAC is to promote standards, quality service, innovation, cooperation, and open competition within the health care EDI industry:

- Established minimum criteria for industry self-regulation
- Encourages firms in the industry to improve performance
- Facilitates open market access and competition ("open access" referring to acceptance of transactions from any source or routing)
- Fosters consistency in transmitted information
- Enhances customer service and satisfaction ("customers" include providers, payers, intermediaries, and third parties)

The EHNAC Commission seeks to accredit entities that send or receive HIPAA regulated transactions, or that transport or process EDI transactions between two or more trading partners in the health care community. These entities include, but are not limited to, clearinghouses, transactions processors, value-added networks (VANs), payers, providers, and provider management organizations. For more information, please visit www.EHNAC.org.

About Availity, L.L.C. – Patients. Not Paperwork.®

Availity optimizes the flow of information between health care professionals, health plans, and other health care stakeholders through a secure internet-based exchange. The Availity Health Information Network encompasses administrative, financial, and clinical services and supports real-time and batch transactions via the Web, business to business (B2B) integration, and electronic data interchange (EDI) integration. Availity is the recipient of several national and regional awards, including Consumer Directed Healthcare, A.S.A.P. Alliance Innovation, eHealthcare Leadership, E-Fusion, The Emerging Technologies and Healthcare Innovations for Excellence (TETHIE), and AstraZeneca-NMHCC Partnership. For more information, including an online demonstration, please visit www.availity.com.