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## **N e w s R e l e a s e**

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### **Availity Enables Real-Time Electronic TRICARE Transactions with Humana Military Healthcare Services in Three Southern States**

*Availity<sup>®</sup> Health Information Network offers providers access to Beneficiary Eligibility and Benefits as well as Claim Status Inquiry*

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Availity, LLC, a leading health information network, today announced its partnership with Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. (Humana Military) to provide network health care providers in Florida, Oklahoma, and Texas with the ability to conduct real-time Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry and Claim Status Inquiry transactions via the Availity<sup>®</sup> Health Information Network, a secure web portal. The partnership provides seamless information exchange with Humana Military and access to one of the nation's largest health care information clearinghouses and provider web portals.

Humana Military has been an administrator of the Department of Defense's TRICARE program since 1996 and provides access to quality, cost-effective health care services to 2.9 million active duty and retired military members and their families in the South Region of the United States. The company operates 70 TRICARE Service Centers and supports 53 military treatment facilities in the states of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

"Offering standardized, real-time information exchange with Humana Military supports Availity's mission of reducing administrative inefficiencies, improving the patient experience, and reducing costs to both the provider and health plan communities," said Russ Thomas, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Availity, LLC.

"We are pleased to partner with Availity to offer one-stop shopping for our network providers," said Dave Baker, president and chief executive officer of Humana Military. "This will help simplify and streamline providers' information gathering process on our beneficiaries' eligibility and related claims."

#### **About Availity, LLC – Patients. Not Paperwork.<sup>®</sup>**

Availity optimizes information exchange between multiple health care stakeholders through a single, secure network. The Availity Health Information Network encompasses administrative, financial, and clinical services, supporting both real-time and batch exchange via the web, business to business (B2B) integration, and electronic data interchange (EDI). For more information, including an online demonstration, please visit [www.availity.com](http://www.availity.com).

#### **About Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.**

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. (Humana Military), headquartered in Louisville, KY., has been a Department of Defense contractor for the administration of the TRICARE program since July 1, 1996. In August 2003, Humana Military was awarded the contract to provide health benefits support and services to approximately 2.8 million active duty and retired military and their eligible family members in the 10-state South Region. Humana Military was also awarded the Department of Defense's contract to provide Healthcare services and support for active duty service members and their families located in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in February 2004. For more information, visit [www.humana-military.com](http://www.humana-military.com).