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## **News Release**

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### ***AvMed Partners with Availity for EDI Claims Submission***

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Availity, L.L.C., a leading provider of e-health services, has signed a partnership agreement with AvMed to directly connect for electronic claims. Availity will accept electronic claims from AvMed providers and pass them to the health plan for processing. Experts in the health care industry report that eliminating paper claims from the process saves both time and money for providers and health plans alike.

“AvMed is pleased to be working in partnership with Availity. They have a strong presence in Florida and a reputation for secure and efficient transactions,” says John Higbee, AvMed VP & Chief Information Officer. “This partnership helps us to continue providing topnotch service for all health care professionals who contract with AvMed.”

“AvMed is a firm that enjoys a terrific reputation for service to its members and physicians. We are proud to be working with them to help maintain that fine level of performance and to remove cost from the overall system,” says David Harrell, Availity’s Director of Marketing.

#### **About AvMed**

AvMed Health Plans is Florida’s largest not-for-profit health plan, improving access to health care for members for more than 30 years, while serving Florida communities in all major metropolitan areas of the state. Through an extensive broker network, AvMed offers health care coverage on a fully insured and self-funded basis for employer groups in Florida. Additionally, AvMed offers health care products to Medicare beneficiaries in South Florida. AvMed has offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach, Orlando, Tampa, Gainesville and Jacksonville. For more information, visit [www.avmed.org](http://www.avmed.org).

#### **About Availity – Patients. Not paperwork.®**

Availity optimizes the flow of information between health care providers, health plans, and other health care stakeholders through a secure Internet-based exchange. The Availity® Gateway supports both real-time and batch web and electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions, is committed to complying with HIPAA regulations, and has proven to be fast and efficient. Availity is the recipient of the 2005 A.S.A.P. Alliance Innovation Award, 2003 and 2004 eHealthcare Leadership Awards, the 2004 ITFlorida Excellence in IT Leadership Award, the 2003 E-Fusion Award, the 2003 TETHIE Award, and the 2003 AstraZeneca-NMHCC Partnership Award. For more information, including an online demonstration of the Availity® Gateway, visit [www.availity.com](http://www.availity.com) or call 800.AVAILITY (282.4548).