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Availity Processes 100 Million Billable Transactions in a Single Year *The Availity® Gateway becomes one of the fastest growing electronic information exchanges in history*

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Availity, L.L.C., a leading provider of electronic administrative, financial, and clinical health care information services, announced the successful passage of one hundred million transactions in a single calendar year for the first time since the Availity Gateway became generally available on February 18, 2002. Availity has experienced unprecedented growth this year, with 2005 volumes surpassing the previous three years combined.

The user-friendly Availity portal securely and confidentially processes transactions for multiple commercial health plans, including inquiries for patient eligibility and benefits, referrals, authorizations, claims submissions, claim status inquiries, and remittance/payment advice, all at no cost to providers. Optional value-added services include government connectivity, allowing users to transact with Medicare and Medicaid, as well as access to an online credentialing service and subscription-based prescription refill service. Other services are continually added to offer more value and provide a more comprehensive “one-stop shop” for a myriad of health care services.

“This milestone is a tremendous achievement for our organization, marking Availity as one of the fastest growing health care information exchanges in history,” states Dan Chavez, Availity Senior Vice President of Operations. “This is concrete proof that the right group of people, with the drive to revolutionize health care, can make an impact in the overall cost and effectiveness of the care cycle. I’m very proud of our team and look forward to continuing to lead the e-health evolution.”

Availity’s current annual run rate is more than 100 million transactions and that volume continues to grow with more than 14,000 physician sites and all 208 hospitals in Florida transacting on the Availity Gateway.

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

Availity optimizes the flow of information between multiple health care stakeholders through a single, secure internet-based exchange. The Availity® Gateway encompasses administrative, financial, and clinical services, supports both real-time and batch transactions via the Web and electronic data interchange (EDI), and is HIPAA compliant. Availity is the recipient of several national and regional awards, including Consumer Directed Health Care, A.S.A.P. Alliance Innovation, eHealthcare Leadership, Northeast Florida Excellence in IT Leadership, E-Fusion, Emerging Technologies and Healthcare Innovations Excellence (TETHIE), and AstraZeneca-NMHCC Partnership. For more information, including an online demonstration of the Availity Gateway, visit www.availity.com or call 1.800.AVAILITY (282.4548).