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Availity Receives 2006 ITFlorida Leadership Award *Winner of the Excellence in Leadership – Northeast Florida Category*

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Availity, LLC was recognized by ITFlorida as the winner of the Excellence in Leadership – Northeast Florida category at their annual statewide awards gala on December 7, 2006 at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Lake Buena Vista. This award recognizes organizations that have distinguished themselves and their industry in the best application of information technology throughout Florida.

Award finalists were from every corner of the state and represented a wide cross-section of companies—from large, well-known organizations such as Nielsen Media Research, to small firms with fewer than 10 employees.

"We are honored to receive this award from such a reputable organization as ITFlorida. This is a very important accomplishment for our team and shows a true validation of the hard work each and every Availity employee puts forth in our effort to remove complexities in health care processes." states Availity Director of Marketing, David Harrell. "The Availity Health Information Network has addressed a definite need in administrative simplification and the exchange of electronic healthcare information. Being recognized for these accomplishments is something that we take a great deal of pride in and believe we can continue to provide a positive impact on the improvement of healthcare as we continue to expand our clinical and financial services in Florida and beyond."

ITFlorida is a not-for-profit organization that represents Florida's information technology businesses and communities. The organization serves as advocates to the Legislature and the Executive Office of the Governor for the establishment of regulations and processes to support and enhance Florida's high tech industries.

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 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, visit www.availity.com or call 1.800.AVAILITY (282.4548).