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**HEALTH LANGUAGE, INC. ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY
OF LANGUAGE ENGINE 4.6**

***Upgraded release offers robust interoperability to streamline
administrative and clinical functions***

DENVER, Colo. – Dec. 10, 2008 – [Health Language, Inc.](#)® (HLI), the world's leading supplier of medical vocabulary and concept-based technology, today announced general availability of Language Engine (LE) 4.6. This upgraded release provides robust interoperability to deliver disparate medical, administrative and consumer data that improves patient care and reimbursement by automating many time-consuming, resource-intensive and error-prone functions.

"Simplifying access, streamlining updates and mapping, and converting structured and unstructured text into usable information across the healthcare continuum, have been the hallmark of HLI's innovative Language Engine," stated George Schwend, HLI's chief executive officer. "LE 4.6 allows our partners to deliver efficient and dependable access to proprietary and standard terminologies and other healthcare-related data so that clinicians can treat their patients safely and effectively, and hospitals can receive the appropriate level of reimbursement for the care they provide."

Anticipating and responding to industry needs, LE 4.6 enables healthcare IT vendors to incorporate terminology standards (such as ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM, LOINC®, SNOMED CT®, RxNorm and more), corresponding maps, and other related content into healthcare applications. LE 4.6 offers enhanced functionality and performance parameters for automatically

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searching, indexing and coding free-text documents such as encounter notes including the detection of negation. LE 4.6 also supports terminologies from most major Western languages such as Spanish, French and German in addition to English, enabling the translation of medical concepts into many languages.

Additionally, the unmatched mapping capabilities of LE 4.6 provide enhanced support for subset authoring and querying, which facilitates the creation and modification of dozens of subsets already supported in LE. For example, HLI provides Medical Specialty Subsets, which are the top diagnoses and procedures encoded in SNOMED-CT and mapped to the relevant billing codes. In addition, HLI can quickly and cost-effectively translate ICD-9-CM codes into ICD-10 codes, greatly easing this looming transition.

LE 4.6 adds support for Unicode 4.0 characters, Java 5, MS SQL Server 2005, Red Hat EL 5.0, and Windows Vista. Furthermore, .NET environments can now work with the Language Engine using native DLLs. Thus, as a run-time terminology services engine, LE can be easily integrated into most application platforms.

Schwend concluded, “By fully integrating our rich and robust set of APIs, vendor applications will offer full support for all needed terminologies to clinicians, professional coders, data analysts and more.”

About Health Language Inc.

Denver-based Health Language, Inc.® (HLI) develops and delivers state-of-the-art software solutions that automatically incorporate medical vocabulary and coding standards into healthcare information technology (HCIT) applications. HLI’s Language Engine® (LE®) allows centralized access to medical terminology standards and generates mappings to create a common pool of standardized codes and concepts that enhance patient safety, facilitate clinical outcomes analysis and accelerate reimbursement. It also provides standards for modeling, storing, updating and distributing information consistently for interoperability between hospitals, regions and countries. For more information, visit www.healthlanguage.com or call 720.940.2900.

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