



Australian Health Insurance Commission Selects Health Language Inc. To Assist Health Information Management Effort

Cyber+LE language engine technology to improve communication of on-line health information across the Commonwealth of Australia

AURORA, Colorado – August 27, 2001 – Today Australia's HIC selected Health Language's Cyber+LE to use in its e-Technology Centre. The centre tests and showcases emerging e-health technology and will allow the HIC to work with stakeholders to develop e-business solutions to meet their needs.

George T. Schwend, president of Health Language, Inc., said, "The purchase of our Cyber+LE healthcare language engine by HIC is a significant acknowledgment of the value of our technology. More importantly, we are very proud to participate with Australia while it takes the steps to create the next revolutionary step in healthcare: a truly integrated health information system. We applaud their ground-breaking efforts and are delighted to be able to participate in a program which, we are sure, will become the new benchmark for health information communication for all countries and governments in this new century."

"We are extremely pleased to have entered into this agreement with Health Language," said Andrew Parkes, General Manager, Strategic Research and Development HIC. "As health practitioners and patients become more familiar with accessing essential health information online, it becomes vital that there is a common understanding of medical terminology. That's where this type of product really comes into its own. We are establishing this product in our new e-Health Technology Centre, opened earlier this year by the Australian Federal Health Minister."

At the opening of the Health Language training session at the e-Health Technology Centre, Senior Medical Advisor of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Dr Peter MacIsaac said, "the Department has recently investigated the latest developments to support the next generation of electronic health records coding systems and terminologies". "Our expert team recognised the critical role for tools which will allow IT systems to interface with emerging medical terminology".

About the Health Insurance Commission

HIC is a dynamic, innovative and customer-focused organisation delivering government health programs to the Australian community. These programs include Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register and the Australian Organ Donor Register. HIC is contributing to the quality of health care in Australia through efficient payments and its expertise in health information and electronic business. We continue to build on our reputation for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of personal health information. We use current and emerging technologies to improve customer service and to help connect the health sector. Over the past twenty-five years, HIC has become one of Australia's most trusted, dependable and experienced Commonwealth Government agencies with almost 4,500 staff across Australia in national and state headquarters and 226 Medicare offices. Our purpose is clear: to improve Australia's health through payments and information. More information is available at <http://www.hic.gov.au/>

About Health Language, Inc.

Formed in March 2000, Health Language, Inc. is a software infrastructure company that addresses the needs of the health data supply chain across healthcare by providing state-of-the-art technology for indexing, unifying and managing all healthcare information, regardless of platform, application or locale. Cyber+LE creates a common medical index across disparate healthcare information systems, allowing for comprehensive integrated and intelligent management of all health data. Further information on Health Language, Inc. is available at www.healthlanguage.com or by calling 303-307-4400.

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