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National Centre for Classification in Health Selects Health Language For Modeling and Maintaining Future Releases of Australian National Standard ICD-10-AM

Cyber+LE language engine technology to be used for modeling and maintenance of Australian modification of ICD-10

AURORA, Colorado – September 19, 2001 – Australia’s National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) announced today that it has selected Health Language’s Cyber+LE to use for future modeling work. Health Language, Inc., is a provider of the market-leading language engine technology – a medical knowledge server – called Cyber+LE.

The NCCH manages the development and on-going maintenance of ICD-10-AM (*International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification*) with support from the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care.

“We are happy to have found a tool which will do so much for us and a company as easy to work with as Health Language,” said Associate Professor Rosemary Roberts, Director of the NCCH. “We will be using Cyber+LE for modeling and maintenance of ICD-10-AM The biennial revision, which is ICD-10-AM Third Edition, will be published in January 2002. It is scheduled for implementation by Australian users 1 July 2002.”

George T. Schwend, president of Health Language, Inc., said, "The selection of our technology by the NCCH is truly gratifying to us. We’ve always targeted our technology towards the commercial marketplace. It is wonderful that NCCH has selected Cyber+LE as their tool of choice. We have not only met our objective to be the best offering in the commercial or HCIT community, but we have also created a toolset powerful enough for the modeling and maintenance of national health data standards as well!"

The NCCH has already begun preliminary evaluation of the alpha release of SNOMED-CT in conjunction with ICD-10-AM.

About the NCCH

The NCCH is the Australian centre of excellence on health classification theory and an expert centre in coding systems. NCCH is the custodian of several other classification systems used throughout Australia and internationally. ICD-10-AM has been developed from the World Health Organization’s core classification, ICD-10 through collaboration with the WHO.

Visit <http://www.cchs.usyd.edu.au/ncch/> for more information about the work of the NCCH.

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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