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Health Language Inc. Announces Advanced Features Including Automated Conflict Resolution in Version 4.0 of Its Language Engine Software

Significant Advances Include LExUpdate Capability That Automates and Integrates Code set, Localization and Customization Updates

Aurora, CO, August 6, 2003 – Health Language, Inc., the world’s leading supplier of medical vocabulary and concept-based software server technology, today announced the release of version 4.0 of its market-leading language engine technology, LE. LE is used as the medical concept-and-code set-server of choice by vendors, health ministries and governments worldwide. Version 4.0 includes automated conflict resolution of concepts and terms, the first time this capability has ever been commercially available anywhere, for improved use of existing, evolving, and emerging vocabulary standards.

“Led by government initiatives in multiple countries, the HCIT industry is headed for adoption of terminologies for addressing long-standing issues in the efficacious delivery of healthcare,” said George T. Schwend, CEO and President of Health Language, Inc. “But it’s not just one terminology that has to be managed and, moreover, every single terminology sees substantial and iterative improvements in its definition over the course of its lifetime, sometimes as frequently as once a month. These must be managed expeditiously and made available for use in the timeframes for which they are valid. With the HHS licensing of SNOMED for all US-based healthcare providers and the unparalleled-in-scope NHS National Programme initiative of the U.K. Government, the need for state-of-the-art terminology software with exactly the features we’re making available today has never been greater. We are releasing this major update to stay in front of the needs that will be created by these industry trends.”

"This release represents a major advancement in the state-of-the-art for this industry," commented Larry V. Streepy, Jr, CTO and Senior Vice President of Health Language, Inc. "Without LExUpdate, the goals of utilizing controlled vocabularies and the need for local variations could not easily be harmonized. The automated integration of terminology updates and reconciliation of those updates with site-specific localizations allows for the widespread adoption of critical terminologies, like SNOMED, without sacrificing local expressivity. Secretary Thompson has made it clear that the use of controlled vocabularies is critical to improving the quality and availability of healthcare in America. The LExUpdate technology breaks down the barriers to wide spread adoption of controlled vocabularies and fosters their widespread use. Most importantly, it keeps us at the fore-front of offering the best available product for our partners. Our partners and their customers will benefit enormously from this new capability."

Health Language’s LE “language engine” is a revolutionary technology that enables physicians, nurses, insurance companies, and others to interact and share medical information at a deep relational level despite varying terminologies. LE, based on a patent-pending knowledge management model, is currently the only software available to the healthcare industry that can accurately relate complex medical terminology from disparate databases of controlled medical vocabularies. LE has been adopted by multiple leading healthcare IT vendors, including Amicore, Cerner, McKesson,

Per-Se Technologies, Inc. and iSOFT Corporation, to name a few, as their core medical language management and integration framework.

About Health Language Inc.

Health Language, Inc. is a software infrastructure company that services the healthcare industry worldwide. LE creates a common medical index across disparate standards and healthcare information systems, allowing for comprehensive integrated and intelligent management of all health data. Health Language is based in Aurora, Colorado. Further information on Health Language, Inc is available at www.healthlanguage.com or by calling 303-307-4400.

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