

Illawarra Area Health Service extends THELMA's public health network

Health services group ICSGlobal Ltd has made another breakthrough in the roll out of THELMA – the electronic transaction exchange for health – with the signing of a third New South Wales Area Health service.

Illawarra Area Health Service (IAHS) has signed a User Agreement for electronic processing of patient eligibility checks, hospital claims and No Gap claims.

IAHS's Wollongong Hospital will be the priority location for the implementation of THELMA.

ICSGlobal Managing Director Tim Murray said that the agreement with IAHS continued the expansion of THELMA's growing national grid.

“Based around New South Wales' south coast, IAHS comprises 9 hospitals, delivering health services to 5% of the NSW population,” Mr Murray said.

IAHS joins two other NSW Area health services, South East Health and Western Area Health, in the THELMA grid, which now covers 22% of the NSW public hospital system.

“Following recent announcements regarding User Agreements with a third health fund and six new hospitals, this User Agreement with IAHS keeps THELMA's rollout right on track,” Mr Murray said.

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ICSGlobal's core business is the ownership and operation of THELMA. For more information visit www.icsglobal.net.

About THELMA

THELMA is positioned to become the information clearing house for the health industry. THELMA generates both subscription and transaction revenue through replacing existing manual, paper-based health administration processes with intelligent technologies that allows B2B transactions over the Internet. THELMA offers a means to perform these transactions at just a fraction of the existing manual costs, delivering massive cost savings to health sector participants. The e-health electronic transaction market in Australia has an estimated potential value in excess of \$100 million per annum. Other examples of systems which have replaced costly, manual processes with efficient automation are ATMs / electronic banking and the CHES clearing house system which underpins the Australian share market. THELMA currently provides three types of transaction: automated insurance eligibility checking, electronic hospital claims and specialist “No Gap / Known Gap” claims. ICSGlobal intends to progressively expand the range of transactions to cover the end-to-end health care process and eventually reach every participant in the health industry, resulting in a recession proof business as people will continue to use health services, irrespective of the prevailing economic conditions.

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