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## Medical Frontiers – “The Specialist” signs up to THELMA

Medical Frontiers has signed up to use THELMA to deliver medical claims to Medicare and to the health insurance funds from their highly respected “The Specialist” practice management software.

Medical Frontiers Pty Ltd has been trading as a software development company for around eighteen years. The Specialist practice management system is used by over 100 specialist practices around Australia.

“We looked at connecting directly to Medicare and the health insurance funds and started the process of writing the communications package in-house. The programming turned out to be unbelievably complicated and led to the resignation of some vital programming staff who amongst other things cited the convoluted process and poor backup from Medicare as being their reasons for moving elsewhere. The fear was that with staff movement, there would come a day when changes by Medicare or ECLIPSE could not be accommodated in-house. The trouble would be that Medicare or ECLIPSE would make changes that would be effective immediately. If at the time a programmer was not in residence, all financial transactions would stop until that day arrived. Many practices would be very angry if this was allowed to happen. This was a terrifying position in which to be placed.

An alternative presented itself with THELMA who looked like they were going to take away the greatest obstacle and make the whole process much easier. I was surprised by how easy it was to connect to THELMA. What THELMA offers is peace of mind in that because they are a large organization and they have the infrastructure necessary to maintain what is a rapidly moving target. By using THELMA we are providing our customers with a user friendly way of submitting claims electronically and saving ourselves a significant amount of time and cost” said Dr Peter Marsh, founder of Medical Frontiers.

Medical Frontiers have completed testing of the connection to THELMA and will now commence rolling the joint service out to its customers.

For more information about Medical Frontiers, visit [www.medfront.com.au](http://www.medfront.com.au)

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### About ICSGlobal and THELMA

Founded in 1990 as an engineering and IT consultancy, ICS Group listed on the Australian Stock Exchange as ICSGlobal Limited in 1999 [ASX:ICS]. Since 2000, ICSGlobal’s core business has been the unique “any-to-any” health industry clearing house technology **THELMA** (Transactional Health Exchange Linking Multiple Applications), which ICSGlobal built, owns and operates. THELMA creates interoperability between the broad range of new and legacy software systems that typically exist in health systems. This enables health industry business partners in any country to conduct financial, clinical and administrative transactions electronically over the Internet. THELMA has been live in Australia since 2001. THELMA-UK is currently being rolled out across the UK. Plans for the rollout of THELMA in the US are being developed with a number of organisations, after THELMA was HIPAA certified to operate in the US in November 2005. For more information visit [www.icsglobal.net](http://www.icsglobal.net) and [www.thelma.com.au](http://www.thelma.com.au).