

Six new hospital contracts expands THELMA's customer base

The rollout of THELMA, ICSGlobal's electronic transaction exchange, continues with ICSGlobal today announcing the signing of new THELMA User Agreements with six more hospitals. The hospitals are:

- Delmont Private Hospital, a 45-bed facility in Victoria that has been a leading provider of mental health services for more than 40 years;
- Bega Valley Hospital in southern New South Wales, a 12-bed multi-purpose surgery that is one of only a few day hospitals in Australia with a 23-hour extended stay license to treat patients;
- Alwyn Rehabilitation Hospital, an independently owned and operated 26-bed hospital specialising in physical and neurological rehabilitation based at Strathfield in Sydney;
- Brindabella Endoscopy Centre and Mugga Wara Endoscopy Centre are respectively 8 and 6 bed private endoscopy centres co located on the Canberra Hospital site;
- Wagga Endoscopy Centre is a 5 bed private endoscopy centre.

These new hospital signings, plus the signing of the Teachers' Union Health fund (announced earlier) add to the broad cross-section of customers from around the country that have already signed up to THELMA.

ICSGlobal Managing Director Tim Murray said "With 40 hospitals and 3 health funds signed up, THELMA's national grid is steadily growing."

THELMA currently offers three key transactions:

- Real-time eligibility checking;
- Electronic hospital claims and reconciliation statements; and
- Medical or "No Gap" claims and reconciliation statements.

As the customer base grows, ICSGlobal also intends to progressively expand the range of transactions offered through THELMA to cover the end-to-end health care process and eventually reach every participant in the health industry, resulting in increased efficiencies for both users and the industry as a whole.

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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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