

Two more hospitals extends THELMA's coverage of Victoria

LISTED health services group ICSGlobal has added two more hospitals to the Victorian customer base of THELMA, their electronic transaction exchange.

The two hospitals are the Jessie McPherson Hospital, a 100-bed facility in the Melbourne suburb of Clayton that specialises in a range of acute medical, surgical and obstetric treatments.

The second hospital is the Monash Surgical Hospital a 9 bed private day surgery centre specialising in gynaecological procedures and IVF services.

These two hospitals brings to five the number of new signings to use THELMA's real-time eligibility checks and electronic claims processing in just one week and takes to 35 the number of hospitals in THELMA's national grid.

The on-line training modules that ICSGlobal recently added to THELMA will enable the THELMA service to be fully operational – and staff at both hospitals fully trained - within days of contracts being signed, at minimal cost to ICSGlobal.

About ICSGlobal

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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