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## **THELMA to Provide Financial Transactions in US Health Network**

ICSGlobal Limited has signed a Letter of Intent with MedAccess Plus Health Informatics Network (MAPHIN), for THELMA to provide financial transactions such as insurance eligibility checking and electronic claims and remittance into MAPHIN's Health Informatics Network. The combined platform will be then rolled out across the United States, the world's largest healthcare market with over 30 billion electronic healthcare transactions per annum.

MAPHIN is a Kentucky-based eHealth firm with swipe-card driven Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology that uses the Internet to integrate information generated by medical providers, insurers, hospitals and patients into a comprehensive EHR. The plan is to integrate THELMA's any-to-any electronic transaction technology with MAPHIN's EHR technology. The combined technologies will cover all functionality scenarios required to transform the US health system, and put MAPHIN and ICSGlobal at the forefront of eHealth system providers in the US.

The Letter of Intent outlines a non-exclusive arrangement between ICSGlobal and MAPHIN, with each party earning revenues principally through transaction fees from their respective technologies. MAPHIN will represent the MAPHIN/THELMA Network in the US. While there may be joint opportunities for the MAPHIN/THELMA Network in countries other than America, the initial working relationship will focus on the US health care industry.

ICSGlobal and MAPHIN commenced a Proof of Concept for electronic claims and remittance in August, which is planned to be completed this calendar year. The Proof of Concept will see the MAPHIN/THELMA Network configured to send and receive transactions in 18 States of the US. The plan is then to implement the MAPHIN/THELMA Network on parallel fronts: firstly beginning in Kentucky, connecting health care providers to private health insurers as well as the State-based government Medicaid systems, then replicating this system through the other 18 States. In parallel, the Top 50 employers will be targeted, who are major payers in the US healthcare system. Discussions are in progress with General Motors and The Walt Disney Company.

ICSGlobal and MAPHIN met through their participation in the Medical Banking Project, a Tennessee-based firm whose objective is to integrate banking technology, infrastructure and credit resources with healthcare administrative operations to alleviate inefficiencies (see [www.mbproject.org](http://www.mbproject.org)). John Casillas, the Founder and Executive Director of the Medical Banking Project, said the teaming of ICSGlobal and MAPHIN is indicative of a quickly expanding market opportunity for real-time healthcare transaction processing, not just in the US but around the world.

"A highly secure and scalable web services architecture that is accessible via a simple card-swipe, like the MAPHIN/THELMA Network, can dramatically transform healthcare cost and quality. Even the large US employers are forming initiatives with the Medical Banking Project to implement this type of technology to contain soaring healthcare costs. We are at the ground floor of real-time financial and clinical processing in global healthcare markets, and the MAPHIN/THELMA Network is well placed to capitalise on this" says Casillas.

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## **About ICSGlobal and THELMA**

ICSGlobal Limited is a publicly listed Australian company whose core business is the ownership and operation of the unique “any-to-any” health industry clearing house technology THELMA (Transactional Health Exchange Linking Multiple Applications). 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. For more information visit [www.icsglobal.net](http://www.icsglobal.net) and [www.thelma.com.au](http://www.thelma.com.au).

## **About MAPHIN**

MedAccess Plus Health Informatics Network (MAPHIN) is a Kentucky-based eHealth firm with swipe-card driven Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology that uses the Internet to integrate information generated by medical providers, insurers, hospitals and patients into a comprehensive EHR. MAPHIN's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Steven Spady, is a highly respected Family Physician in Kentucky with a Master of Medical Management from Carnegie Mellon University. Dr Spady is seen as a leader in the field of eHealth, communicating his vision for real-time, integrated healthcare information processes to government and private health organisations since 1998. MAPHIN's Chief Technology Officer, John Hardin, is seen as a leader in the Internet business field. Mr Hardin most recently served as Chief Architect of e-Business for General Motors, and is the current chair of the OASIS e-business Service Oriented Architecture Technical Committee. For more information visit [www.maphin.net](http://www.maphin.net).