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**HEALTH *e*CONNEX ANNOUNCES BUSINESS AGREEMENT TO
SHARE TECHNOLOGY WITH
HEALTHCARE TRANSACTION PROCESSORS, INC.**

Chicago, IL – June 15, 2004 - Health *e*Connex (HeC), a leading automated data capture and document management company, announced today an agreement with HealthCare Transaction Processors, Inc. (HTP) to share technology. The two companies will merge their electronic and paper processes together with the goal of providing a complete and seamlessly integrated solution for processing healthcare claims.

HTP offers HIPAA EDI transaction management and Web portal solutions that enable TPAs, HMOs, and carriers to achieve significant administrative savings making them more competitive. By teaming with each other, both organizations dramatically expand the scope of their value proposition by offering their customers a common automated front-end solution for processing all claims, regardless of their source – paper, EDI, or Web portal. HeC, with the support of HTP, can now seamlessly manage the paper process from end-to-end much more effectively and make healthcare transactions completely paperless for payers. The integration of HTP's EDI component allows HeC to offer an even broader, more extensive solution.

"By sharing our technology, HeC is able to offer a win-win solution for payers," notes Jim Anderson, director of business development for HeC. "For years HeC has successfully processed paper claims and now can offer electronic capture as well. This reinforces HeC's commitment to streamlining processes, advancing in technology, and meeting the needs of customers."

According to Keith Mertz, director of sales and marketing for HTP, this announcement is significant for the growth of HTP. "Adding the paper process to our current electronic flow will position HTP as an industry leader in processing claims. We have worked with a number of imaging OCR vendors and decided to partner with HeC because they offer an all U.S. based system and superior quality and service."



About Health eConnex

Health eConnex is a division of Accelerated Receivables Management (ARM), an established eBusiness infrastructure company with more than 24 years of business experience to its credit. HeC is a multi-facet transaction processing organization focused on efficient and cost saving delivery systems for the healthcare industry. HeC represents an infrastructure process for linking the entire process together in a single solution concept by offering a distributed, all-payer all-transaction network-centric architecture. The company's enterprise-wide, scalable solutions are delivered more quickly, at less risk and cost, and with greater opportunities for reuse than ever before. HeC solutions are helping companies run an information network that reaches every customer, supplier, employee, and business process throughout the extended enterprise.

About HealthCare Transaction Processors, Inc.

HTP is the leading vendor of HIPAA-compliant electronic transaction management and web portal solutions for use by health plans and providers. Founders Dennis Swartzlander and Fred Richards combined more than 50 years of Information Technology experience in the healthcare industry when they formed HTP in 1996. The company is transforming the landscape of the US healthcare industry by introducing key efficiencies to healthcare administration. Through managing the flow of information between health plans and providers, HTP enables its customers to dramatically improve operational efficiencies, reduce costs, and be more competitive.