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### **HEALTH ECONNEX IS SELECTED BY UNIVERSAL CARE AS TECHNOLOGY PARTNER**

Chicago, Ill. – February 8, 2005 - Health eConnex (HeC), a leading provider of end-to-end processing solutions for the healthcare industry, and Universal Care, Inc., a managed care plan dedicated to providing, arranging, and delivering quality health care programs and services to California's diverse population, have announced a partnership whereby HeC will handle all incoming claims for Universal Care's medical business with the exception of dental.

In discussing this opportunity with HeC, Brendan Friar, vice president of operations and sales for HeC noted, "the selection of Health eConnex by Universal Care brings to the healthcare industry forefront the innovative technology we deliver to assist organizations in moving their businesses forward. This agreement is the beginning of our 2005 broad-based marketing and sales launch to make HeC the industry standard."

"This partnership with Health eConnex is part of Universal Care's ongoing efforts to adopt new technologies that will benefit our providers," noted Jay Davis, executive vice president of Universal Care. Processing claims quickly is part of our overall commitment to offering the best service possible to the providers who treat our members."

#### **About Universal Care**

Universal Care was founded in 1983 as a privately held, family-owned health insurer primarily serving Southern California. Universal Care is a mixed model (staff/network) health care organization providing services for individuals, small and large commercial employer groups, and government-sponsored programs such as MediCal and Healthy Families. For information about any Universal Care programs, call 1-800-380-2522 or visit <http://www.universalcare.com>.

#### **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-payor 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.

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