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**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS PORTAL FOR MEDICAID PROVIDERS**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Senior officials from Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) will announce the launch of the Florida Medicaid Health Information Network powered by Availity at a press conference on Thursday, November 19. The Florida Medicaid Health Information Network will allow providers treating Medicaid recipients to access 18 months of Medicaid claims history, giving providers more complete information when treating Medicaid recipients.

The press conference will feature a demonstration of the features of the portal that will give providers secure access to claims data for Medicaid recipients. Representatives from Availity, LLC, Duval County Health Department, the Florida Hospital Association and the Florida Medical Association will be there to discuss the benefits of providing electronic health records to treating physicians.

**When:** Thursday, **November 19, 2009** from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)

**What:** The official launch and demonstration of the Florida Medicaid Health Information Network powered by Availity

**Who:** **Thomas W. Arnold**, Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

**Russ Thomas**, President of Availity, LLC

**Linda McMullen**, Director of Medical Economics and Associate General Counsel, Florida Medical Association

**Robert Harmon, M.D.**, Director of the Duval County Health Department

**G. Mark O’Bryant**, President and CEO of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital



**Christine Nye**, Executive Director, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, a division of the Agency for Health Care Administration

Where: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters  
2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room A  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

**About the Agency for Health Care Administration**

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 40,000 health care facilities and 43 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics. For more information, please visit <http://ahca.myflorida.com>.

**About Availity, LLC – Patients. Not Paperwork.®**

Availity optimizes information exchange between multiple health care stakeholders through a single, secure network. The Availity Health Information Network encompasses administrative, financial, and clinical services, supporting both real-time and batch exchange via the web, business-to-business (B2B) integration, and electronic data interchange (EDI). For more information, including an online demonstration, please visit [www.availity.com](http://www.availity.com).

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