



**Health Industry
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HIBCC ANNOUNCES JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

PHOENIX, AZ (September 27, 2005) – The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) has announced its Board and Technical Committee Meetings schedule for January 2006. The meetings, scheduled for January 18 - 20, will be held at the Embassy Suites Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona

The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, January 18

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| 9AM – 5PM | eBusiness Standards Committee |
| 5PM – 7PM | HIBCC Reception |

Thursday, January 19

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| 9AM – 12PM | Health Industry Number (HIN) User Group |
| 1PM – 5PM | HIN Training Session |
| 9AM – 12PM | Patient Safety Systems Task Force |
| 1PM – 5PM | Auto-ID/RFID Technical Committee |
| 1PM – 5PM | eBusiness Standards Committee |

Friday, January 20

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| 7AM – 9AM | HIBCC Executive/Finance Committee |
| 9AM – 12PM | HIBCC Board of Directors |

As an ANSI-accredited standards development organization (SDO), HIBCC plays a major advocacy and educational role for the healthcare industry by providing a forum for consensus-based development of labeling and electronic communication standards for hospitals and their suppliers. The focal points of this process are the HIBCC Technical Committees. All

Committee sessions are open to the public and individuals from throughout the industry are encouraged to participate.

For more information call (602) 381-1091 or visit the “About HIBCC/Meeting Information” page at www.hibcc.org. Locations, times and registration information will be posted on the Web site six weeks prior to each meeting.

Founded in 1983 by the healthcare industry, HIBCC is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners, including: the Labeler Identification Code (LIC), the Health Industry Number (HIN[®]) System, the Universal Product Number (UPN) Repository, computerized EDI protocols in ASC X12 approved message formats and the Health Industry Bar Code (HIBC) Standards. The HIBC labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world. For more information regarding HIBCC and its mission, or to obtain copies of its standards, call (602) 381-1091, or visit the Web site: www.hibcc.org.

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