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**HIBCC ANNOUNCES DECEMBER '06 MEETING SCHEDULE
Industry Leaders Collaborate on Development of International Healthcare eStandards**

PHOENIX, AZ (October 2, 2006) – The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) has announced its Board and Technical Committee Meetings schedule for December 2006. The meetings will be held December 6-8 at the Embassy Suites Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

9AM – 5PM	Auto-ID/RFID Technical Committee
9AM – 12PM	Health Industry Number (HIN) Training Session & HIN User Group
1PM – 5PM	eBusiness Standards Committee

Friday, December 8

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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