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HIBC STANDARDS RECEIVE ANSI RE-APPROVAL
Revisions Include Expanded Technology Options

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (April 2, 2007)- The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) has announced that recent revisions to the HIBC Supplier Labeling Standard (SLS) and Provider Applications Standard (PAS) were re-approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

The SLS (ANSI/HIBC 2.2-2006) is a revision of ANSI/HIBC 2-1997. Changes to the SLS include the incorporation of a specification for small package labeling using 2-D symbologies. The PAS (ANSI/HIBC 1.2-2006) is a revision of ANSI/HIBC 1-1996. Changes to the PAS include the addition of Extensible Mark-Up Language (XML) definitions.

The updated standards are available on the HIBCC Web site at: www.hibcc.org/AUTOIDUPN/standards.htm. Further revisions, including the incorporation of RFID technology options, are underway. For more information, please contact the HIBCC office.

About HIBCC: HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, ANSI-accredited standards development organization (SDO), established in 1984 by major national healthcare associations to develop and maintain information technology standards for healthcare applications. HIBCC provides standards for uniform product identification (bar coding, 2-D, and RFID), as well as services for standardized customer identification, such as its Health Industry Number (HIN) System.

HIBCC extends its mission globally via IHIBCC, an international network of HIBCC offices. HIBCC and the HIBC Standards are accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). HIBCC plays a major advocacy and educational role for the healthcare industry by providing a forum for consensus-based standards development.

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