HCA’S LARRY EGGER NAMED 2004-2006 HIBCC BOARD CHAIR

PHOENIX, AZ (August 13, 2004)—Larry Egger, IT&S Assistant Vice President for HCA, has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC). The announcement was made by outgoing Chair Frank Simone, Executive Director, Information Management Data Architecture for Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems Inc., at HIBCC’s recent Board meeting in Denver, CO.

Egger has been a member of HIBCC’s Board representing the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) since 2001. During his tenure on the Board he has served on numerous key committees including Executive/Finance and Strategic Planning.

In related action, the Board elected Rich Gius, Senior Vice President, Information Technology for Cardinal Health, as Chair-elect; Jim Hay, Chief Information Officer for MWI Veterinary Supply, as Treasurer; and William Graham, Staff Vice President of Distribution Systems Implementation for C R Bard, as Secretary. Simone will serve two years as Immediate Past Chair.

Other directors serving on the Board include:
Kevin Kite-Powell, Pharmacy Manager, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital;
Walter Mosher, Chairman of the Board and Chief Technical Officer, Precision Dynamics Corporation;
Claude Ritman, Executive Director, Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital;
Craig Wigginton, Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, Neoforma, Inc.;
MJ Wylie, Director, Content Standards & Services, Global Healthcare Exchange.
HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling standards for hospitals and their suppliers. It was founded in 1983 and has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

HIBCC's bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

Additional information regarding the HIBCC organization can be accessed from the HIBCC web site at: www.hibcc.org

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