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## Marshfield Clinic Selects MEDNET to Implement Social Security Administration Contract for Nationwide Health Information Network

MINNEAPOLIS – (May 25, 2010) On Feb. 1, the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) awarded a contract to Marshfield Clinic for bi-directional clinical data exchange over the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN). Marshfield Clinic, acting as a Health Information Exchange for Wisconsin, selected MEDNET to implement technical specifications required to connect to NHIN. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., MEDNET is a leader in NHIN connectivity and HIE applications and services.

This SSA service will allow Marshfield Clinic to transition from paper-based claim process to an electronic, automated claim process over the NHIN, resulting in streamlined processes and improving patient care.

“We are excited about working with Marshfield Clinic, a premier healthcare institution and Health Information Exchange,” said MEDNET Chief Executive Officer John Fraser. “Working with Marshfield Clinic, we look forward to helping provide their patients quicker access to SSA benefits with less paperwork, directly improving the lives of injured workers and their families,” continued Fraser.

“We will improve patient care quality by using this information technology for authorized release of medical information, so providers get a more comprehensive picture of a patient’s health information more quickly,” said Mike Cummins, M.D., Marshfield Clinic’s director of Terminology Services, Information Systems.

“With information systems technology, automated claims could be processed within five hours. This improvement greatly benefits patients, not only because of shorter times but also because of improved accuracy and effectiveness”, said Cummins. Marshfield Clinic Information Systems submitted its technical proposal last fall to create its secure, electronic information exchange for authorized release of medical information.

### About MEDNET

MEDNET is a leader in NHIN and HIE applications and services, empowering clinicians with real-time access to clinical data via the MEDNET NHIN Gateway™ and the MEDNET Suite of Services™. MEDNET provides federally recognized PKI security and a complete turnkey community solution including fully managed NHIN connectivity.

### About Marshfield Clinic

The Marshfield Clinic system provides patient care, research and education with 50 locations in Wisconsin, making it one of the largest comprehensive medical systems in the United States.