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**PROVIDER ADVANTAGE ADDS MORE HEALTH PLANS TO VERILINK**

October 25, 2004 – Beaverton, OR - Provider Advantage NW, Inc., a national provider of automated, integrated real-time healthcare information software, announced today the release of *VeriLink* Version 2.2 which includes the addition of over 100 new health plans.

*VeriLink*, which provides real-time, automated, and integrated eligibility verification, now accesses over 200 health plans. Seamlessly integrated within a hospital's HIS system, this enhancement takes the hospital one step closer to reducing A/R days. With *VeriLink* connected to their scheduling or patient accounting system, the hospital staff can verify eligibility before the patient is scheduled or as they register the patient.

“The challenge in today’s healthcare environment is how to cost-effectively obtain complete and accurate patient insurance, demographic, and financial information at the point-of-service in order to optimize reimbursement,” said Ted Tomkins, President of Provider Advantage. “By adding these additional payers, this allows the registration or scheduling staff to immediately access complete and accurate eligibility information within seconds. This complicated, at best, to do via phone verification or by accessing multiple payer websites at the point-of-service. Studies have shown that verifying eligibility information at the point-of-service reduces the amount of work and cost on the back end trying to collect from the patient or payer.”

*VeriLink* customers have found that Provider Advantage’s automated, integrated real-time eligibility verification service provides fast, reliable, high-quality eligibility data. By providing real-time access to Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial health plan insurance data to confirm patients’ eligibility at the point-of-service, providers obtain the information they need to be reimbursed quickly and easily.

To access the complete payer list go to: [http://www.provider-advantage.com/pdfs/payer\\_lists/verilink\\_pl.pdf](http://www.provider-advantage.com/pdfs/payer_lists/verilink_pl.pdf)

**About Provider Advantage**

Since 1991, Provider Advantage NW, Inc. has been providing innovative products and services to access real time healthcare data. Provider Advantage develops, markets, installs, and supports electronic data interchange (EDI) technologies that allow organizations to obtain, utilize, and manage patient data to generate operational efficiencies and improve cash flow. Conforming to the needs of each customer, Provider Advantage’s products and services enable organizations to optimize revenues by establishing responsibility for payment of healthcare services. For more information,

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