

ANNOUNCEMENT

HCN TO LAUNCH *ONLY* INTEGRATED EASYCLAIM/EFTPOS SYSTEM

HCN is pleased to announce that we have formed a partnership with **Tyro** to launch the **only Medicare "Easyclaim" solution, integrated with Practice Management Software**, on the market. The solution also includes **integrated EFTPOS**.

The Tyro and HCN Easyclaim system will operate with **Pracsoft** and **Blue Chip** as used by over 3,700 practices nationwide.

The product features will include:

- Automatic information transfer between the Tyro EFTPOS terminal and Pracsoft or Blue Chip
- Terminals will have EFTPOS, credit card and Easyclaim processing capabilities
- Tyro terminals will handle multiple doctors' accounts who may be operating in a single practice and pay cleared funds into their existing bank accounts.
- Access to an online, real-time reporting systems to track payments
- The solution is broadband based, resulting in a saving of up to \$468 per year for users who hold a dedicated phone line for their EFTPOS terminal

Benefits to the practice:

- Dual data entry is eliminated, thus streamlining your practice's workflow and minimising keying errors
- Lower operating costs and no up-front fees
- No lock-in merchant contracts for the EFTPOS terminal or merchant services
- Real-time verification of claimants' entitlements with Medicare, thereby eliminating risk
- Payments are made on the next banking day
- Patients receive better customer service, without inconvenience to the practice

John Frost, **HCN** CEO, urges practices to carefully consider the best route to implementing Medicare's Easyclaim service and to ensure that the chosen system fulfils the practices' needs. Other systems currently announced to the market do not offer an integrated solution but operate only in a stand alone mode.

HCN will provide greater detail in the near future about the product rollout including further features, benefits, availability and how to take up this new offer from HCN.

***Easyclaim** is Medicare Australia's new claiming system currently being launched and expected to be in production in the second half of this year.

Tyro is the first new entrant into the EFTPOS business in over 10 years. Tyro holds an authority under the Banking Act to carry on banking business as a Specialist Credit Card Institution (SCCI) and operates under the supervision of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). Under this authority Tyro provides credit, debit and EFTPOS acquiring services and must not take money on deposit. On 21 December 2006 **Tyro** signed the **Medicare** Easyclaim accreditation and service contract. Since that day both **Tyro** and **HCN** have been working hard to bring you the best integrated EFTPOS and EasyClaim system in the market.

For further information:

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