

# Press Release

## **National Healthcare Payer Networks, LLC announces Proactive Single Source Services Agreement with Essent Healthcare.**

**Chesterbrook, PA May 2007-** National Healthcare Payer Networks, LLC (“NHPN”) and Essent Healthcare (“Essent”), today announced the expansion of NHPN’s Managed Care and Accounts Receivable solutions to all of Essent Healthcare facilities. NHPN’s contract provides selected consulting, third-party insurance billing and collection outsourcing services to Essent a premier For-Profit health system with Corporate Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Under the terms of the contract, NHPN will assume responsibility for billing and collecting all Non-Primary/Non-Contracted Commercial accounts.

According to Mr. Steven L. Wylie, Vice President Financial Operations for Essent, “The results at the initial facility far exceeded our expectations. The expansion of the program allows NHPN to implement changes in our work flow which will accelerate the collection process, decrease administrative overhead and improve reimbursement levels throughout our facilities.”

Also commenting on the deal, Mr. Ian Michel, Chief Operating Officer of NHPN said, “We are excited about the opportunity to deliver these services throughout the Essent system.” “This is a validation of the hard work and investment both organizations have made in the solutions. NHPN has built an infrastructure to be the premier partner for providers.”

### **ABOUT NHPN SOLUTIONS**

NHPN provides innovative consulting, cash collections services to the hospital industry. Founded by former Managed Care executives, NHPN has developed programs that change the current reactive process to a proactive work-flow which allows the providers to increase revenue and lower administrative costs. More information contact NHPN on 610-725-0785.

### **ABOUT ESSENT HEALTH CARE**

Essent Healthcare was founded in 1999 with the mission of acquiring community hospitals and providing them with the financial resources and the expertise they need to grow. Essent hospitals include Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, Mass., Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn., Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, Mass., and Paris Regional Medical Center in Paris, Texas. More information about Essent Healthcare is available at [www.essenthealthcare.com](http://www.essenthealthcare.com).

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