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National Electronic Attachment, Inc. Signs Agreement with Aetna to Begin Receiving Electronic Healthcare Attachments via *FastAttach*[™]

Atlanta, Georgia – National Electronic Attachment, Inc. (NEA) announced today that they have signed an agreement with Aetna that will allow Aetna to accept healthcare attachments for electronically submitted claims. The attachments will be transmitted to NEA's web site from healthcare providers, using NEA's *FastAttach*[™] system.

FastAttach[™] enables healthcare offices to transmit healthcare attachments (x-rays, perio charts, intra-oral pictures, narratives and EOB's), via the Internet, to NEA's repository where Aetna is able to view them in support of the electronic claim adjudication process. For healthcare offices, *FastAttach*[™] accelerates claim processing and eliminates the need and cost to duplicate and mail x-rays and other necessary attachments.

"This is another way Aetna is working to reduce administrative complexity and costs for our Providers and our policy holders," said, Ron Inge, DDS, Chief Dental Officer of Aetna. "We anticipate this arrangement will increase our electronic claim volume, reduce costs, and increase claim accuracy and turnaround time. Healthcare providers benefit through streamlined claim submission processing, detailed submission documentation and reductions in their administrative costs."

"We are very glad that Aetna chose NEA as their vendor for electronic attachments and we look forward to the opportunity to register their providers," stated Thomas Hughes, CEO of NEA. "NEA is very knowledgeable about Aetna, and we are pleased to be able to bring them this service."

Aetna is one of the nation's leading providers of health care, dental, pharmacy, group life, disability and long-term care products, serving more than 13.0 million medical members, 11.3 million dental members and 11.7 million group insurance customers, as of June 30, 2003. The company has expansive nationwide networks of more than 579,000 health care services providers, including nearly 349,000 primary care and specialist physicians and 3,589 hospitals. For more information about Aetna, please visit the company's Web site at www.aetna.com.

NEA is the leader in internet-based solutions for the healthcare industry, offers systems designed to make the process of insurance submissions and processing as easy as possible for the Patient, the Healthcare Office and the Insurance Payor.

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