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HYGEIA CORPORATION WINS CIO 100 AWARD

MIAMI, FLORIDA – September 15, 2004 - Hygeia is a 2004 recipient of *CIO* Magazine's "Agile 100" awards for our demonstrated commitment to leading edge use of information technology. The annual award program recognizes organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology. This year, the 17th annual CIO 100 recognizes and honors 100 companies that truly exemplify how IT has enabled and supported agility in their organization.

"With the economy rebounding, companies will seek out and capitalize on new opportunities as they emerge," says Abbie Lundberg, Editor-in-Chief, *CIO*. "Those best positioned to succeed are the agile enterprises, able to move and change quickly; to create advantage in a world in flux. This year's CIO 100 winners have all the hallmarks: agile operations, technology, staffing and governance models. We celebrate their achievements and expect to see great things from them in the years ahead."

Information technology is a fundamental component of Hygeia's services to both Payers and Providers. "The successful development and implementation of the on-line Partner's Portal, EDI connectivity options, and the on-line repricing tool in the past year reflects our commitment to continuous enhancement of our technology offerings to better meet our clients' needs," said Rod Hamilton, Hygeia's Chief Information Officer.

Executives of Hygeia Corporation accepted the award at the CIO 100 Symposium & Awards Ceremony, August 22-24, 2004 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Other honorees included DaimlerChrysler, Marriott International, General Electric, Merrill Lynch, Hewlett-Packard, The New York Times and FedEx.

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