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Fresenius Vial, a Fresenius Kabi Group company, entrusts Cegedim with e-invoices sent to French hospitals

Cegedim and Fresenius Vial, the first operators to send EDI documents using the new State-run CHORUS PRO portal

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Cegedim, one of Europe's leading digitalization companies, has been working for years with Fresenius Vial, the Fresenius Kabi group company specializing in Medical Devices, to digitize the invoices it sends to health facilities in France. Now, Fresenius Vial is the first private-sector company to send its e-invoices via an operator, Cegedim, to health facilities using the new State-run portal, CHORUS PRO.

On September 13, 2016, the French government agency for financial IT (Agence pour l'Informatique Financière de l'Etat, AIFE) officially launched the new CHORUS PRO e-invoicing portal. Starting January 1, 2017, large companies will have to digitize all of their invoices for public entities and send them using the new portal. The goal is to make ordering more fluid for public entities and shorten payment times for suppliers.

Fresenius Vial, one of the pilots for sending invoices via the CHORUS PRO portal

Starting in summer 2016, the AIFE enlisted 15 suppliers, including Fresenius Vial, to participate in a pilot program designed to test the system for sending and storing invoices for two public facilities: Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris (APHP) and the public sector buying group, UGAP.

As a result, Cegedim became the first technical operator to send invoices in EDI format using CHORUS PRO.

"Greater interoperability makes our exchanges easier and strengthens our relationships with clients, while lowering the costs associated with purchasing and procurement. Cegedim, as the first operator connected to the new CHORUS PRO portal, offered expertise that has been a considerable advantage and kept us secure during this test phase. We have shown the public health facilities that our digitalization capabilities are up to the task, and a growing number of our clients will be adopting this system," said [Benjamin Laquet, Customer Service & Bid Office Manager at Fresenius Vial](#).

Hospitalis, a secure, comprehensive EDI solution

For several years now, Fresenius Vial has entrusted Cegedim to handle its electronic orders for public- and private-sector clients, relying on Cegedim's [Hospitalis](#) solution.

[Hospitalis](#) is an information and data exchange portal used to link healthcare facilities with their suppliers, and to digitalize overall procurement management both in the Pharmaceutical sector (medication, medical devices, etc.) and for purchasing departments (lab reagents, catering, office electronics, travel, etc.). [Hospitalis](#) makes it easier to track exchanges by putting all relevant information on its web portal.

"The performances of our [Hospitalis](#) portal and our teams' experience in tax-compliant digitalization in the field of health make us a strong partner for health facilities and their suppliers looking for expertise as e-invoicing becomes progressively more widespread," noted [Frédéric Mercier, Health Sector Sales and Marketing Director for Cegedim e-business](#).

Hospitalis is used by more than 1,400 healthcare facilities, nearly all of which are hospital centers with over 600 beds.



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