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Amerinet Introduces Economic Solutions

St. Louis (April 23, 2009)- With economic stability a continuing challenge, Amerinet, a leading healthcare group purchasing organization, today announced **Amerinet Economic Solutions**, an initiative focused on keeping members proactively engaged with the important issues of the day, and offering information, tools and resources that will quickly and efficiently help reduce costs and improve quality in an environment that is changing every day.

“Amerinet remains focused on providing maximum value to our members,” said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO. “This initiative will provide members with a regular series of communications, highlighting the issues, offering upcoming educational and informational tools from Amerinet, and linking them with existing resources and industry experts who can provide support and guidance.”

In the coming months Amerinet’s Economic Solutions will focus on topics including workforce initiatives, the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program, “pay for performance,” challenges of accessing capital and fundraising, containing price increases, physician preference and supply chain efficiencies.

The first component of this ongoing initiative will focus on Healthcare Information Technology Resources.

“Amerinet has been a market leader in working with electronic medical records vendors and is well positioned to help members take advantage of President Obama’s Healthcare Information Technology Stimulus Package,” said Ebert.

Among Amerinet’s IT resources are contracted suppliers who can provide guidance in relation to implementing **electronic health records (EHR)** and **Health Information Exchange (HIE)** services to connect disparate systems for information sharing. Amerinet also works with **IT consultants** who can help members determine whether they may qualify for stimulus funds.

\$2 billion was appropriated in the stimulus package for the promotion of health information technology to improve healthcare quality, safety and efficiency.

Amerinet is also presenting a free webinar for members, **The EMR Value Assessment™ Preparing for the HIT Stimulus Package** by national IT strategist Pam Arlotto, on Monday, April 27, 2009.

About Amerinet

As a leading national group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with healthcare providers to reduce costs and improve quality. Through its Total Spend Management solutions and operational performance improvement programs, tools and services, Amerinet assists members in their efforts to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and create new revenue streams. Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet offers a comprehensive portfolio of product and service contracts to address members' specific needs. Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.