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Amerinet Economic Solutions Series Focuses on RAC Solutions

St. Louis (October 26, 2009) – Amerinet Inc., a leading healthcare group purchasing organization, is highlighting solutions and best practices to deal with Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) appeals as part of its continuing Economic Solutions series, an initiative focused on keeping members proactively engaged with current economic challenges and healthcare reform issues.

“The RAC issue is one that every healthcare provider that bills Medicare Part A and Part B will face, if they have not already,” said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO. “It is important to link members with existing tools and industry experts that can provide support and guidance.”

Amerinet’s RAC solutions include a RAC Risk Assessment through Perot Systems and RAC Readiness Reviews provided by Dixon Hughes, as part of its Revenue Integrity Solutions. These programs address in detail the planning, preparation and operations components that should be in place to deal with audits and enhance the possibility of successful appeals.

Amerinet is also presenting a free Webinar – *Life after the RAC Letter: Best Practices for RAC Appeals*, on October 29, 2009, from 2:15 – 3:45 p.m., featuring Jua’nese L. Williams, a professional nurse and a subject matter expert (SME) for federal program integrity including RAC and MIC, medical necessity, clinical documentation and utilization review. The session will cover risk areas providers should expect to see recoupment letters on and why a data analysis is important to prepare for appeals, the components of the recoupment letters and how to approach the response to each type of letter (automated and complex, inpatient and outpatient), as well as, what every appeal letter should contain to be successful.

Amerinet’s Economic Solutions will focus on topics including workforce initiatives, “pay for performance,” challenges of accessing capital and fundraising, containing price increases and physician preference.

The first issue in the series focused on the educational and contracted resources Amerinet has available to assist facilities in taking advantage of healthcare information technology stimulus funds. It featured the Webinar *The EMR Value Assessment™ Preparing for the HIT Stimulus Package* by national IT strategist Pam Arlotto. The second session highlighted supply chain efficiencies, with a Webinar on *Leveraging the Efficiencies of Your Supply Chain* by Vicki Smith-Daniels. The most recent session in early October, was highlighted by the webcast, *Reimbursement Train on Track – Optimizing the CDM*

to Avoid Revenue Cycle Caution Flags, which identified and provided realistic solutions for revenue cycle “caution” and “stop” signals that slow and even prohibit appropriate hospital reimbursement, The free Webinars featured in the series are available through the Learning on Demand feature of Inquisit, Amerinet’s strategic education partner, at www.inquisit.org, under the Economic Solutions Education Series tab.

About Amerinet

As a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with acute and alternate care providers to reduce costs and improve quality through its performance solutions. Built on a foundation of data, savings and trust, and supported by a team of clinical and supply chain experts, Amerinet enriches healthcare delivery for its members and the communities they serve. To learn more about the Amerinet difference, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.