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**Local Seminar to Highlight Affects of Federal Stimulus Package
on Healthcare Technology**

St. Louis (March 18, 2009)- The Northern Star Alliance and Amerinet /Advantage Healthcare Net, a regional coalition of leading healthcare organizations, are sponsoring an informative seminar on *The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Driving New Technology Into Healthcare*.

The seminar will be offered on two occasions, April 21, 2009, at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota, and on April 23, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Both sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and are open to any healthcare facility. There is no fee to attend.

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) offers healthcare providers financial incentives to adopt electronic medical record (EMR) solutions. Healthcare providers must prove “meaningful use” of these systems to receive payments from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The seminar will highlight relevant related topics including:

- An overview of the stimulus package
- Health Information Technology (HIT) incentives for hospitals and physicians
- Important timing related to the act
- “Meaningful Use”: How to Assess if we are on Track
- The C-Suite’s Role in Preparation

Also included in the day’s events will be a presentation by Bob Hardy, Amerinet’s vice president of executive solutions, focusing on how facilities can reduce costs and improve quality specifically related to:

- Workforce
- Revenue Cycle Portfolio
- Information Technologies
- No Cost- No Risk Solutions

To register, contact 800-548-2744.

The Northern Star Alliance is comprised of 86 healthcare organizations in the states of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The seminar is presented by Pam Arlotto, CEO and president of Maestro Strategies, an Amerinet preferred supplier of information technology services.

About Amerinet

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