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Amerinet Launches Quality Solutions

St. Louis (March 19, 2009)- Amerinet Inc., a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, today announced the launch of Amerinet Quality Solutions, a comprehensive menu of tools and resources focused on helping facilities to lower costs while enhancing quality and patient safety.

“Quality and patient safety improvement are among the most pressing issues facing healthcare today,” said Randy Walter, Amerinet’s executive vice president of contracting, enterprise solutions, Inquisit and marketing. “Based on member need and input, we have developed Amerinet Quality Solutions to enhance their abilities to reduce healthcare costs and improve healthcare quality.”

Specific aspects of Amerinet Quality Solutions include:

- A comprehensive contract portfolio offering access and significant savings on products and services in all segments of the healthcare spectrum related to quality and patient safety needs, including, wound care and pressure reduction products, infection control products and medication safety systems.
- Amerinet QualityScore – an on-site quality and regulatory compliance assessment focused on document and policy and procedure review, clinical patient safety and quality, environmental and product selection assessments.
- Amerinet QualityTouch – access to resources including a user-friendly Web site and monthly newsletter providing information and tools for members to utilize in order to meet performance goals. QualityTouch also offers a practice repository with leading healthcare facilities’ practice protocols in order for the member to customize their own best practice.
- Formation of regional cohorts with quality, patient safety, risk management, regulatory affairs and nursing executives to provide a forum for discussion of concerns or issues.

“For an organization to be successful, increased productivity and revenues need to be matched by a measurable level of quality and patient safety,” said Holly Hampe, Amerinet’s director of quality and safety. “Amerinet Quality Solutions offers tools and resources which involve all areas of the organization in establishing the relationship between quality and cost efficiency.”

Initial implementations of Amerinet Quality Solutions have proven extremely successful at member facilities.

“Our hospital recently participated in a trial quality assessment visit provided by Amerinet. The outcome was outstanding,” said Rhonda Green, CEO of Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center in Houma, Louisiana. “Amerinet presented our team with excellent feedback, identifying Joint Commission

standard-driven improvements for our hospital and patients. The interactive, thorough survey process was effective to build our team to prepare for upcoming regulatory visits, and to maintain safe patient care at all times.”

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. Based in St. Louis with offices in Salt Lake City, Providence, R.I. and Warrendale, Pa., Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.