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Amerinet Releases Inflationary Update for Healthcare Supplies

St. Louis (January 26, 2010) – Amerinet Inc., a leading healthcare group purchasing organization, released its Inflationary Indices for 2010, which include company and industry projections for inflation rates across several categories over the coming year.

“This is another service we provide to members so that they can anticipate issues that might cause fluctuations in pricing in the future,” said Dale Wright, Amerinet’s senior vice president of contracting and president, Amerinet Choice.

These projections represent industry inflationary performance, actual pricing through Amerinet contracts and programs, and the expected impact of upcoming contract bids. The Amerinet Inflationary Indices are published biannually and updated to reflect any market trends or changes.

The report offers estimates in categories including diagnostic imaging, environmental services, executive resources, foodservice, laboratory, medical supplies, office solutions, pharmacy, plant engineering and surgical supplies.

Amerinet’s prices are expected to rise at a significantly lower rate than the market, mainly due to price protection controls and pricing being locked in for a majority of contracts.

In general, pricing has stabilized in many sectors over the past year, but market fluctuations in raw materials pricing continues to put pressure on manufacturers and suppliers.

“Actual inflationary increases are many times subject to social, economic and political pressures, making them extremely difficult to accurately predict,” said Wright, “By providing this tool to our members, they have the resources to help plan budgets and understand where they may have to make contingency plans.”

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.