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**AMERINET EXTENDS MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING PARTNERSHIP
WITH ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS**

Agreement offers Amerinet members savings and environmental benefits

Phoenix, Ariz. – Dec. 5, 2007 – Ascent Healthcare Solutions today announced a three-year agreement extension with Amerinet, Inc., a national healthcare purchasing organization, to provide single-use medical device (SUD) reprocessing to Amerinet members. Amerinet members are expected to save almost \$9.2 million in supply costs over the three-year term of this renewed contract.

The level of savings Amerinet members realize will depend on how many services they use. Typically, however, a device reprocessed by Ascent saves hospitals about 50 percent over the cost of purchasing a new device.

According to Ascent COO Rick Ferreira, “We look forward to continuing to help Amerinet member hospitals safely reprocess and recycle medical devices, which will enable them to reap substantial cost savings while eliminating unnecessary waste from overtaxed landfills.”

About Amerinet Inc.

Through Total Spend Management Solutions, Amerinet strategically partners with health care providers to improve operating margins by creating efficiencies, reducing costs and identifying new revenue streams.

Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet offers a suite

of tools, programs and services including a comprehensive and competitive portfolio that delivers practical solutions to address members' specific needs.

Based in St. Louis, Mo., with offices in Salt Lake City, Utah, Providence, R.I., and Warrendale, Pa., Amerinet serves more than 24,000 acute and non-acute health care providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.

About Ascent Healthcare Solutions

Since its inception, Ascent Healthcare Solutions, the leading independent third-party reprocessor of single-use medical devices (SUDs), has reprocessed more than 50 million SUDs, saving its customers in excess of \$500 million in supply expenses and eliminating over 10,000 tons from local landfills. Ascent's 1,700 hospital partners include most of the U.S. News and World Report "Honor Roll" hospitals. The company has agreements with all leading national group purchasing organizations as well as numerous nationally recognized hospital integrated delivery networks. Ascent has also been recognized as a "Champion for Change" by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) in recognition of the dramatic environmental benefits reprocessing by Ascent provides to U.S. hospitals and surgery centers. For more information about Ascent Healthcare Solutions, visit www.ascenths.com.

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