



EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

The Healthcare Supply Chain Industry is moving closer and closer to the implementation of Standards. Amerinet has taken an active role in supporting and promoting this important change that will build the infrastructure that is required to enable transparent exchange of data among all trading partners within the industry.

GS1 Standards will provide accurate and specific location identifiers, as well as product identification numbers that will be universally used, and synchronized in real time to support FDA unique device identification requirements. This will create a tracking system for healthcare products and devices that will be traceable from “manufacture to patient.”

Important milestones are quickly approaching. First is the sunrise date to begin formal and comprehensive use of the Global Location Number (GLN), effective December 31, 2010. Amerinet has been taking many steps to ensure that all of our constituents are ready. This includes Healthcare Providers, Suppliers, and also, our own internal systems and personnel.

For Healthcare Providers, Amerinet has taken the following steps. All current members have been enumerated with unique GLN numbers for each of the facility locations that are on file. We have developed standard operating procedures to maintain this information consistently, for all changes, additions or deletions to our memberships list. We will use the GLN’s for several purposes, including but not limited to: roster process to identify eligible provider entities, sales reporting, rebate payment, and group designation forms and letters of commitment.

Amerinet member Healthcare Providers are strongly encouraged to take the following steps to get engaged with this process:

- Contact your Amerinet Representative or Customer Service to obtain your GLN numbers
- Validate the accuracy and completeness of the Amerinet GLN data, or submit any changes to the Amerinet Membership department.
- Review the following reference documents to further understand and prepare to use the GS1 Standards:

[2010 GLN Sunrise Explained: Industry Implementation Plan](#)

[Healthcare Provider GLN Quick Start Guide](#)

[Healthcare Provider GLN Tool Kit](#)

[GLN Declaration of Readiness](#)

- Sign the last document, Declaration of Readiness, and submit directly to GS1.
- Begin the process to prepare for the use of GLN’s within your internal systems and processes.

For Suppliers, Amerinet has taken the following steps. The Amerinet Rostering process has been expanded to include GLN numbers for all existing Amerinet members. All suppliers have been advised that the Amerinet contracting requirements will include the requirement to utilize GLN’s for member identification and eligibility,

sales reporting, rebate payment, and group designation forms and letters of commitment. The effective date to utilize the GLN number for these processes will be 12/31/2010.

Amerinet Supplier partners are strongly encouraged to take the following steps:

- Identify any required modifications to your existing systems to enable the use of GLN numbers instead of current Amerinet member numbers.
- Begin the process of reconciling the use of GLN numbers with your current customer databases.
- Review the following reference documents in addition to the provider documents.

[Healthcare Supplier GLN Quick Start Guide](#)

[Healthcare Supplier GLN Tool Kit](#)

All interested parties are encouraged to contact us if further questions or concerns arise. For additional information, please note the following contacts within Amerinet:

REGARDING	CONTACT
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