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**HEALTH INDUSTRY GROUP PURCHASING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*New Board Will Work to Ensure That GPOs Remain Healthcare Industry Leader in
Cost Savings, Supply Chain Efficiency and Transparency*

Washington, D.C. (January 7, 2011) – The Health Industry Group Purchasing Association (HIGPA) today announced its 2011 Board of Directors and named Todd Ebert, President and Chief Operating Officer of Amerinet, Inc., as the incoming Chair. New to the Board of Directors are Jeff Primovic, Senior Vice President of Child Health Corporation of America; Jerry Welsh, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSP; and Rick Cochrane, President and Chief Executive Officer of Medbuy Corporation.

“As the healthcare supply chain and American hospitals continue to move toward implementation of federal health reform, the cost savings that GPOs provide will be even more critical,” said HIGPA President Curtis Rooney. “I look forward to working with the Board of Directors in 2011 to ensure that GPOs remain leaders in hospital cost savings, healthcare supply chain efficiency and transparency.”

The 2011 Board of Directors is: Todd Ebert, Chair (Amerinet); Rand Ballard, Immediate Past Chair (MedAssets); Jody Hatcher, Chair-Elect (Novation, LLC.); Mike Alkire, Treasurer (Premier Healthcare Alliance); John Paul, Secretary (HealthTrust Purchasing Group); Lee Perlman, Public Policy Chair (GNYHA Ventures, Inc.); Rick Cochrane, Director (Medbuy Corporation); Eldon Petersen, Director (Provista); Perry Polsinelli, Director (United Pharmacy Partners, LLC.) Jeff Primovic, Director (Child Health Corporation of America); and Jerry Welsh, Director (HPS).

For more information on the Health Industry Group Purchasing Association’s (HIGPA) current and incoming Boards of Directors, please visit:

http://www.higpa.org/about_higpa/higpa_leadership.aspx

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About HIGPA

The Health Industry Group Purchasing Association (HIGPA) is a broad-based trade association that represents 15 group purchasing organizations, including for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems and healthcare provider alliances. HIGPA’s mission is to advocate on behalf of health care group purchasing associations, to provide educational opportunities designed to improve efficiencies in the purchase, sale and utilization of all goods and services within the health industry and to promote meaningful dialogue between GPOs. For more information, visit www.higpa.org.