

# Client Alert

**Topic:** Avera McKennan Regional Laboratory Services  
Essential Piece of the HealtheCARE transition

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2007

Avera McKennan Regional Laboratory is proud to announce that your outreach laboratory program and its service to you is an integral part of all that is being done in our health system's "HealtheCARE" transition and evolution!

On the October 1, 2007 live date, your reference laboratory services will available to you through the new HealtheCARE EMR. Reporting to your facilities will continue as currently set up for you... but will also be available through the EMR... exciting horizons through Avera Health and Avera McKennan... and your Regional Laboratory!

We will continue to share information with you as we get closer to our "go live date".

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Lezlee Koch or Shirley Heber.

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## **HealtheCARE™ transition is just around the corner**

Avera McKennan is getting ready for HealtheCARE™, called the single biggest “non-brick-and-mortar” capital and operational cost, and the biggest organizational change in Avera’s history.

Oct. 1, Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, the Avera Behavioral Health Center in Sioux Falls and five other area hospitals will “go live” with the HealtheCARE™ Electronic Medical Records System. An additional 20 hospitals across the Avera region will follow between 2008 and 2010. In the same time frame, some 30 physician offices will go live with billing, scheduling and registration. “Avera McKennan is embarking upon one of the most momentous and important projects in the history of this organization,” said Fred Slunecka, Avera McKennan regional president. “The EMR project holds tremendous promise to this institution and to its patients.” Teams are holding “road shows” to inform Avera leaders about the EMR transition, and staff training is currently under way in various departments at Avera McKennan.