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## **AnnMarie Merta Named Director of Business Development for Tenet's Southern States Region**

**DALLAS – Aug. 18, 2006** – Tenet's Southern States region announced today that AnnMarie Merta has been promoted to director of business development for the region. Tenet's Southern States region comprises 10 acute care hospitals in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Most recently, Merta served as vice president of operations, planning and development of Tenet's Frye Regional Medical Center. She will report to John Holland, senior vice president, operations, of the Southern States region. She will be based with the regional staff at Tenet's headquarters office in Dallas.

"AnnMarie has demonstrated expertise in developing and expanding both inpatient and outpatient business and is adept at planning and marketing," Holland said. "She already has a deep understanding of our Southern States hospitals and is the ideal person for this important position."

Before joining Frye Regional Medical Center in 1999, Merta was an administrative vice president for Grace Healthcare System in Morganton, N.C., where she had operational responsibility for outpatient services. She also served as executive manager of adult ambulatory services at Norton Health System in Louisville, Ky., and has held several management positions in health care systems in Kentucky and in New York.

Merta earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology at Saint Bonaventure University in Saint Bonaventure, N.Y., and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville. She is certified as a health care executive by the American College of Healthcare Executives and is currently pursuing a fellowship with that organization.

Tenet Southern States, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 10 acute care hospitals in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina with approximately 2,685 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes four hospitals in the greater Atlanta area, five in the Carolinas and one in Birmingham.

Tenet Southern States hospitals include Brookwood Medical Center in Alabama; Atlanta Medical Center, North Fulton Regional Hospital, South Fulton Medical Center and Spalding Regional Medical Center in Georgia; Central Carolina Hospital and Frye Regional Medical Center in North Carolina; and East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head Regional Medical Center and Piedmont Medical Center in South Carolina. Tenet's hospitals aim to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through their doors, with a clear focus on quality and service. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at [www.tenethealth.com](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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*[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital photograph of AnnMarie Merta is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]*