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Audrey Andrews to Lead Tenet's Compliance Efforts

DALLAS – (Oct. 31, 2006) – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that Audrey T. Andrews has been named the company's chief compliance officer, effective Nov. 15. She will also supervise the company's ethics program and will report directly to the quality, compliance and ethics committee of Tenet's board of directors.

Andrews, 39, will succeed Steven W. Ortquist, who will depart Tenet later this year. Andrews will work closely with Ortquist to assure a seamless transition of all compliance issues and initiatives.

Since he joined Tenet in August 2005, Ortquist has helped Tenet successfully negotiate and plan the implementation of a corporate integrity agreement with the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Andrews worked closely with Ortquist and others to negotiate the five-year agreement, which was signed in late September.

"Audrey Andrews is a skilled manager and seasoned attorney with years of experience in health care regulatory compliance," said Floyd D. Loop, M.D., chairman of the company's quality, compliance, and ethics committee and former chairman and chief executive officer of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. "I look forward to working with her to assure that Tenet is at all times compliant with both the letter and the spirit of the regulations governing our business and our corporate integrity agreement."

After new management took charge in 2003, Tenet significantly expanded its compliance and ethics function by creating a separate corporate compliance department with a chief compliance officer who reports directly to the Tenet board. Each of Tenet's hospitals has a hospital compliance officer, who reports through regional compliance officers to the chief compliance officer.

Until her appointment as chief compliance officer, Andrews served Tenet as vice president and assistant general counsel for regulatory affairs. In that position, she led the law department regulatory group, handling Medicare reimbursement, quality of care and other regulatory issues. She joined Tenet in 1998 as a hospital operations counsel, and since 1999 she has provided counsel to the company's compliance program.

Andrews holds a bachelor of arts degree in government and a juris doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the Dallas, Texas and American Bar Assns. and the American Health Lawyers Assn. She serves on the Quality Committee and the Law and Operational Policy Committee of the Federation of American Hospitals.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related health care services. 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.

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[Note to Editors: A digital photograph of Audrey T. Andrews is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications Department at 469.893.6114.]