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Stephen M. Mooney Named Senior Vice President of Tenet's Patient Financial Services

DALLAS - March 30, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that Stephen M. Mooney has been promoted to senior vice president of Tenet's Patient Financial Services department. Mooney previously served as vice president of that organization. He reports to Mike Tyson, senior vice president, operations finance.

Tenet's PFS team oversees the operations of hospital patient accounting functions, combined business offices and internal collections. PFS identifies problems, formulates solutions, and deploys resources to improve Tenet accounts receivable, bad debt, and operating cash flow.

Since becoming PFS vice president in July 2004, Mooney has established a high-performance culture within PFS. Under Mooney's leadership, PFS has implemented standardized systems for patient accounting, proprietary collection, Medicare billing and commercial billing at Tenet hospitals.

"Steve is an outstanding leader," said Reynold Jennings, Tenet's chief operating officer. "Since taking the helm at our Patient Financial Services department, he has helped streamline the organization, reduced operating costs and improved its efficiency and effectiveness. With this new level of responsibility, I know Steve will continue to support our effort to continually improve revenue cycle management."

Mooney, 39, joined Tenet in September 1990. He oversees Tenet's revenue cycle activity, including patient account management, government programs, eligibility, third-party and self-pay billing and collections, and Tenet's system for managing the charge of hospital services and items. He has also managed the successful consolidation of the company's business offices, which was launched in mid-2003.

Mooney received a bachelor of arts degree from Stockton State College in New Jersey and his master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

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 Stephen Mooney is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in the Corporate Communications department at 469.893.6114.]