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Tenet Comments on Judge's Denial of Class-Action Status in Case Brought by Florida Hospital

DALLAS – Dec. 7, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) today issued the following statement regarding a decision by a federal judge in Miami this week to deny class-action certification in a well-publicized case brought against Tenet in March 2005 by Boca Raton Community Hospital Inc.:

“We are pleased that the court denied Boca Community’s request that its claims be made as a class action on behalf of virtually every other acute-care hospital in the United States. This ruling correctly limits the litigation strictly to Boca Community’s individual allegations, which we have previously said are unwarranted, and we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously.”

The lawsuit alleged that Tenet’s pricing policies before 2003 had violated federal racketeering laws, thus harming Boca Community and other 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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