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Tenet Completes Sale of Gulf Coast Medical Center

DALLAS – June 1, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that a company subsidiary has completed the previously announced sale of Gulf Coast Medical Center, a 189-bed hospital in Biloxi, Miss., to Health Management Associates Inc. (NYSE: HMA).

Net after-tax proceeds, including the liquidation of working capital, are expected to be approximately \$14.3 million. The company will use the proceeds of the sale for general corporate purposes. Gulf Coast Medical Center was Tenet's only hospital in Mississippi.

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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