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## **Tenet Enters Into Five-Year Corporate Integrity Agreement**

**DALLAS – Sept. 28, 2006** – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that it has entered into a corporate integrity agreement with the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The five-year agreement establishes annual training requirements and compliance reviews by independent organizations in certain specific areas.

This agreement has been anticipated since late June, when Tenet reached a broad settlement of outstanding issues with the U.S. Department of Justice.

“We believe the requirements of this corporate integrity agreement are consistent with standards we already live by and principles we strongly believe in,” said Trevor Fetter, Tenet’s president and chief executive officer. “Because of the many changes and enhancements we have made at Tenet in the past three years, we already have in place many of the procedures and systems called for by this corporate integrity agreement.”

Specifically, the corporate integrity agreement requires, among other things:

- That Tenet maintain its existing company-wide quality initiatives in the areas of evidence-based medicine, standards of clinical excellence and quality measurements;
- That Tenet maintain its existing company-wide compliance program and code of conduct;
- That Tenet formalize in writing its policies and procedures in the areas of billing and reimbursement, compliance with the federal anti-kickback and Stark laws and clinical quality, almost all of which it already has in place and the remainder will be in place very shortly;

- That Tenet provide a variety of general and specialized compliance training to its employees, contractors and physicians it employs or who serve as medical directorships and/or serve on a Tenet hospital governing board;
- That Tenet engage independent outside entities to provide reviews of compliance and effectiveness in five areas, including Medicare outlier payments, DRG claims, unallowable costs, physician financial arrangements and clinical quality systems.

The corporate integrity agreement will run through Sept. 26, 2011. The company has posted the entire agreement on its web site, [www.tenethealth.com](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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