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Tenet's St. Louis Hospitals Sign New Contracts With Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, HealthLink

DALLAS – Dec. 12, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that Des Peres Hospital and Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis have entered into a new two-year agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The contract runs through December 2008. Financial terms were not disclosed. A separate two-year agreement was reached with HealthLink. Both companies are part of WellPoint Inc. (NYSE: WLP).

Under the agreement, plan members of these managed care payors will have access to health care services offered at both hospitals. The hospitals have been working with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to reach a new agreement following the announcement in late August 2006 that the two hospitals intended to terminate their contract with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield due to low reimbursement rates.

“We are pleased to reach a successful conclusion to these negotiations,” said Clint Hailey, Tenet’s vice president, managed care, national accounts. “This agreement demonstrates Tenet’s commitment to maintaining fair contracts with our managed care partners. Last summer, we terminated the Anthem contract because it was uneconomic. Today, we have a new agreement that adequately reflects the quality of care provided by these two 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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