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Tenet Agrees to Sell Shelby Regional Medical Center

DALLAS – Oct. 3, 2007 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that a company subsidiary has signed a definitive agreement to sell Shelby Regional Medical Center, a 54-bed acute care hospital located in Center, Texas, to Shelby Medical Holdings, LLC, a newly formed company owned by Tariq Mahmood, M.D. Pre-tax proceeds are expected to be approximately \$2 million. Tenet expects to use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Tariq Mahmood, M.D., is an accomplished hospital owner and operator with more than 10 years of experience running rural hospitals. His companies operate three hospitals in central Texas: 44-bed Central Texas Hospital in Cameron, 49-bed Lake Whitney Medical Center in Whitney, and 18-bed Community General Hospital in Dilley. Dr. Mahmood is an internist and has been practicing medicine in Texas for more than 20 years.

For almost two years, Tenet officials in Texas have worked closely with leaders in Center and Shelby County, Texas, to develop solutions for the continuation of health care services in that community. Tenet officials, together with community leaders, have sought ways to keep the hospital open in spite of a challenging environment that includes difficulty in attracting and retaining physicians, the rising number of uninsured and underinsured patients, and increased operating costs. Recently, the

hospital has been running an average daily census of five patients. Dr. Mahmood has the ability to provide additional physicians to the area, and he has the requisite experience and access to capital to complete the transaction and sustain the hospital's operations.

Under the agreement, Shelby Medical Holdings has committed to offer employment to substantially all current employees who are in good standing. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals. The sale is expected to be completed by Nov. 30, 2007.

Tenet acquired Memorial Hospital of Center on October 1, 2000 in a bankruptcy proceeding, and then changed its name to Shelby Regional Medical Center. At that time, the hospital was purchased for \$2.7 million from New American Healthcare Corp.

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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