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## **Tenet Reaches National Agreement with Aetna**

### *Multi-Year Agreement Reached*

**DALLAS - July 11, 2007** – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that it has signed a national agreement with Aetna (NYSE: AET) that covers Tenet acute care hospitals rehabilitation hospitals, specialty hospitals, outpatient centers and employed physician practices, which adds nine new hospitals to Aetna’s direct provider network. In this agreement, all Tenet facilities and employed physicians agreed to participate in all Aetna products, including HMO, PPO, Medicare, Medicaid and Workers’ Compensation Access. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Under the agreement, Aetna members will have access to Tenet’s 60 subsidiary-owned or operated hospitals in 12 states. The nine hospitals that are being added to the Aetna’s direct provider network with this agreement are:

- Doctors Medical Center of Modesto in Modesto, Calif.
- USC University Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.
- Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.
- Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, N.C.
- Hilton Head Regional Medical Center in Hilton Head, S.C.
- East Cooper Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
- Nacogdoches Medical Center in Nacogdoches, Texas
- Shelby Hospital in Center, Texas
- Sylvan Grove Hospital in Jackson, Ga.

“Tenet and Aetna have taken this relationship to the next level,” said Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet’s chief operating officer. “We appreciate Aetna’s commitment to reach an agreement and continue to work with us in our markets so that we may provide quality patient care to their members. This agreement is part of our overall strategy to ensure that all of our hospitals participate in the networks of our most preferred health plan partners, and Aetna and Tenet have demonstrated that they have that type of relationship with this agreement. We are pleased to add nine hospitals to their direct provider directory, and that Aetna members now will have access to the quality care provided at each of our hospitals.”

“Aetna welcomes this opportunity to extend our relationship with Tenet. Aetna believes strongly in making available to its customers a broad network of physicians and health care providers. We are pleased that our customers will now have access to all of Tenet’s facilities,” said Allen Karp, vice president for Health Care Delivery at Aetna.

Aetna is one of the nation’s leading diversified health care benefits companies, serving approximately 34.9 million people with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care. Aetna offers a broad range of traditional and consumer-directed health insurance products and related services, including medical, pharmacy, dental, behavioral health, group life, long-term care and disability plans, and medical management capabilities. Our customers include employer groups, individuals, college students, part-time and hourly workers, health plans and government-sponsored plans. [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.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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Some of the statements in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Such statements are based on our current expectations and could be affected by numerous factors and are subject to various risks and uncertainties discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2006, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and periodic reports on Form 8-K. Do not rely on any forward-looking statement, as we cannot predict or control many of the factors that ultimately may affect our ability to achieve the results estimated. We make no promise to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of changes in underlying factors, new information, future events or otherwise.