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Tenet Signs New Agreement for its Philadelphia Hospitals with Independence Blue Cross

Dallas – April 30, 2008 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that its two hospitals in Philadelphia, Hahnemann University Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, have reached agreement in principle on terms of new contracts. They have extended their current agreements while they define terms for new multi-year contracts. Hahnemann and St. Christopher’s are both part of Tenet Healthcare Corporation’s national network of hospitals. The parties will continue to work together to finalize details of the new contracts with a targeted effective date of July 1, 2008.

Members of IBC will continue to have access to health care services offered at the two hospitals, their outpatient centers and employed physician practices. The parties have been working to reach new agreements in advance of the current contract termination, which was to have occurred on April 30.

“We are pleased to reach an agreement that avoids a potentially disruptive contract termination for our patients,” said Michael P. Halter, chief executive officer of Hahnemann University Hospital. “This extension of our agreement means that we can continue providing care to our patients who are covered by Independence Blue Cross.”

Bernadette Mangan, chief executive officer of St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children,

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said, “We welcome the opportunity to continue working with Independence Blue Cross to provide quality care for their members.”

“We value our longstanding relationship with Hahnemann and St. Christopher’s Hospitals and are pleased that we have achieved an understanding as the basis for a new agreement,” said I. Steven Udvarhelyi, chief medical officer and senior vice president of Independence Blue Cross. “More importantly, our members will continue to receive quality care from these institutions.”

Since mid-year 2007, Tenet announced multi-year national agreements with Aetna (NYSE: AET), CIGNA (NYSE: CI) and UnitedHealthcare (NYSE: UNH) as well as additional regional contracts including Blue Cross of California, Coventry, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related ancillary health care businesses, which include ambulatory surgery centers and diagnostic imaging centers. Tenet is committed to providing high quality care to patients in the communities we serve. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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