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Tenet Physicians Inc. Reaches National Agreement with Aetna

DALLAS – Mar. 19, 2009 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that one of its subsidiaries, Tenet Physicians Inc., completed a national agreement with Aetna (NYSE: AET) that covers physicians employed by various Tenet subsidiaries. Tenet Physicians Inc. contracts nationally with health plans on behalf of these 400 employed physicians.

The agreement provides consistent contract terms and facilitates the participation of physicians who are employed by Tenet subsidiaries in Aetna’s provider networks. Tenet and Aetna also are engaged in a joint, collaborative effort to enhance the credentialing process for these employed physicians. The physicians represented by Tenet Physicians Inc. include traditional primary care specialties (family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics), as well as medical and surgical specialties.

“The agreement between Tenet Physicians Inc. and Aetna represents the next logical step in our managed care strategy as it relates to employed physicians,” said Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet’s chief operating officer. “By contracting nationally on behalf of our employed physicians we can help

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ensure that they are fully represented on reasonable terms in the same managed care provider agreements as our hospitals.”

Paul Marchetti, head of Aetna’s National Networks and Contracting Services, said, “Aetna wants it to be easy for physicians and hospitals to work with us. We are pleased to extend our relationship and look forward to continued collaboration with Tenet in order to provide our members access to high quality, cost-effective health care.”

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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