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CARPENTER ELECTED CHAIR OF THE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. – William F. Carpenter III, President & Chief Executive Officer of LifePoint Hospitals Inc. (Brentwood, TN), today was elected as the new Chair of the Federation of American Hospitals.

Mr. Carpenter's term begins immediately and will last for one year.

“Bill is an accomplished leader in the hospital industry with extensive knowledge of health policy,” remarked FAH President Chip Kahn. “His leadership and expertise are tremendous assets as we continue to work with Capitol Hill and the Administration to achieve health coverage for all Americans with meaningful health reform.”

Mr. Carpenter has served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LifePoint Hospitals Inc. since June 26, 2006 and was the company's Executive Vice President prior to his appointment as CEO. In addition, Mr. Carpenter has served the company in several other capacities, including General Counsel and Secretary, Corporate Governance Officer, and Senior Vice President. Mr. Carpenter also was General Counsel of the America Group of HCA and a member of the law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP.

In other Board news, Wayne T. Smith, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Health Systems, Franklin, TN was elected as the Federation's Chair-elect; Victor L. Campbell, Senior Vice President HCA, Inc. was elected to a second term as the Board's Secretary; Matthew D. Klein, General Counsel of Universal Health Services was re-elected as the Board's Treasurer; Trevor Fetter, President and CEO, Tenet Healthcare, Inc. becomes Immediate Past-Chair; and Keith Pitts, Vice Chairman, Vanguard Health Systems, was elected as Board Trustee.

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The Federation of American Hospitals is the national representative of investor-owned or managed hospitals and health systems. Our members include general community and teaching hospitals in urban and rural areas as well as rehabilitation, long-term, cancer and psychiatric hospitals.