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## **HCA APPOINTS DR. RICHARD TAYRIEN CHIEF HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICER**

**Nashville, Tenn., September 2, 2009** – HCA today announced Dr. Richard Tayrien will become the company's Chief Health Information Officer, a new position, effective September 21.

Tayrien, 56, will report to Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, President of HCA's Clinical Services Group and Chief Medical Officer. He will lead an expanding team of clinicians and informaticists and be responsible for the continued development and implementation of hCare, HCA's comprehensive program for advanced health information technologies. HCA's hCare builds on foundational electronic health record functions and will include computerized provider order entry and decision support. HCA is already among the 15% of American hospitals that use bar-code medication administration systems. HCA's hCare also integrates outpatient treatment into the electronic health record, and will include patient health records that capture health information from visits to doctors.

"During his 25 years in medicine, Dr. Tayrien has proven to be an innovator and gifted leader," said Perlin. "He has extensive experience creating and deploying clinical information systems that promote quality and efficiency and improve patient safety. We are very pleased to welcome him to HCA."

Currently, Tayrien is Vice President, Clinical Information Systems for Catholic Healthcare West, where he is responsible for strategy, development and implementation of clinical information systems. He previously was Regional Medical Director for Clinical Informatics at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center/Barrow Neurological Institute. Tayrien practiced internal medicine for the first 18 years of his career.

Tayrien recently served on the Inpatient Work Group of the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT), an official certification body for electronic health records. In addition, Tayrien was recently recognized by the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems (AMDIS) for his leadership in the deployment of an electronic medical record and computerized provider order entry system.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa, Tayrien received his undergraduate degree in biology from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He is boarded in internal medicine and a Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

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