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AHA APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE TO ITS BOARD

WASHINGTON (November 17, 2011) – Alan D. Aviles, president and chief executive officer of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), today was named to the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association (AHA). The board is the policy-making body of the AHA and has ultimate authority for the governance and management of its direction and finances.

Aviles was appointed by New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in February 2005 to lead HHC, the largest municipal health care system in the nation. HHC includes 11 acute care facilities, four nursing homes, six large diagnostic and treatment centers, more than 70 community-based clinics, a large home care agency, and a Medicaid managed care plan with more than 400,000 enrollees. Last year, HHC facilities served 1.3 million New Yorkers, including more than 475,000 uninsured.

“Across the nation, our hospitals and health systems are facing the imperative to improve the health of our patients and communities, even as we lower the per capita cost of care,” said Aviles. “I’m honored to join the AHA Board at such an important time of challenge and change in health care.”

Before his appointment as president and CEO, Aviles served as HHC’s general counsel. He previously led one of HHC’s seven regional health care networks. Before entering the health care field, Aviles practiced law and was a former Assistant Attorney General.

Aviles also serves on the boards of a number of organizations, including the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Healthcare Association of New York State, the Primary Care Development Corporation, and Public Health Solutions (formerly MHRA). He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Public Hospitals, and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Aviles earned his bachelor's degree from Columbia College and law degree from Rutgers-Newark School of Law. Aviles is a native of the Bronx and lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Aviles' two-year term on the AHA Board begins immediately.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include more than 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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