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AHA BOARD ELECTS JAMES H. HINTON CHAIR-ELECT DESIGNATE

SAN FRANCISCO (July 19, 2012) - The American Hospital Association's (AHA) Board of Trustees has elected James H. Hinton, president and CEO of Presbyterian Healthcare Services in Albuquerque, N.M., as its chair-elect designate. Hinton will assume the chairmanship in 2014, becoming the top elected official of the national organization that represents America's hospitals and health systems.

Hinton has been with Presbyterian Healthcare Services since January 1983 and has served as president and CEO since July 1995. As CEO, Hinton leads an organization committed to transforming health care with a century-long purpose of improving the health of New Mexicans. In December 2011, Presbyterian was named as one of 32 Pioneer Accountable Care Organizations in the country. Presbyterian has also partnered with The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine to develop its innovative Hospital at Home program in which doctors, nurses and technicians travel to patient homes to provide hospital-level care. Only a handful of hospitals in the nation offer this service.

"This is time of great change and opportunity in health care," said Hinton. "I'm looking forward to serving in this role at such an important time in the hospital field."

Hinton has served on multiple health care policy and advisory boards to the State of New Mexico and serves as a member of the Presbyterian Healthcare Services Board of Directors and as chair of the Presbyterian Health Plan Board of Directors. He has been recognized both in New Mexico and nationally for his exceptional leadership. Hinton currently serves as the Chair of the Healthcare Institute, is on the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association and the Board of Directors for Premier, Inc.

Hinton received his bachelor's degree in economics in 1981 from the University of New Mexico and a master's degree in health care administration from Arizona State University in 1983.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services is New Mexico's only not-for-profit health care system. Presbyterian's integrated delivery system includes eight hospitals, a statewide health plan, and a growing multi-specialty medical group. Presbyterian is the second largest private employer in New Mexico with more than 9,000 employees.

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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