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LYNN C. JONES, FACHE TO CHAIR
AHA’S LONG-TERM CARE AND REHABILITATION GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON—January 31, 2013—Lynn C. Jones, president, Christiana Care Home Health & Community Services, Inc. and senior vice president, post-acute care services, Christiana Care Health System of Wilmington, Del., is the 2013 chairman of the American Hospital Association’s (AHA) Section for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Governing Council. As chairman, Jones will lead the section’s governing council which advises the AHA on public policy issues of concern to post-acute and continuing care providers. The governing council represents executives from among the nation’s leading hospitals representing rehabilitation, acute long-term care, skilled nursing, home health and continuing care services.

Jones, who assumed his present position in 2003, is responsible for all aspects of post-acute care services, including the Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association, where he is a member of the board and leads the operations and strategic direction of the largest home health agency in Delaware. The Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association provides nearly 300,000 home visits annually and provides certified home nursing care; chronic disease care for heart failure, COPD, mental health, and oncology patients; home telemonitoring; maternal child services; pediatric home care; joint replacement home therapy; wound care; care transition; and private duty services. Jones also oversees other aspects of post-acute care services at Christiana Care Health System, including adult day programs and building a continuum with community skilled nursing facilities.

Jones is a graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. and received a Master of Science in health care administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In addition to his involvement in the AHA’s Governing Council for Long Term Care and Rehabilitation, he is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and currently the regent for the state of Delaware for the ACHE. He is also the
current board chair of the Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA). Jones is a board member of The Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation and participates in many local community organizations.

Catherine Barr, senior vice president, Health East Care System and president, Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., is this year’s chair-elect and will assume the role of chairman in 2014. Patricia Ostaszewski, chief executive officer, HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital of Toms River, N.J. is the immediate past chairman.

Returning governing council members are: Pam Duchene, Ph.D, vice president of patient care services & chief nursing executive, St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, N.H.; William Healy, vice president, regional operations, Catholic Health East, Newton Square, Pa.; Stacy Smith, chief executive officer, Valir Rehabilitation Hospital, Valir Health, Oklahoma City; Lisa Thornton, M.D., medical staff president, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital, Chicago; Maureen Banks, chief operating officer, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Boston & The Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Boston; Deborah Dale, chief executive officer, Select Specialty Hospital-Denver; Antoinette Hardy-Waller, board member, Catholic Health Initiatives, Englewood, Colo.; and Louis Little, senior vice president, post-acute services & president, Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital, Wellstar Health System, Marietta, Ga.

New appointees elected to serve on the council for three-year terms are: Rodney Jones, Sr., Pittsburgh market CEO, Kindred Hospital-Heritage Valley, Beaver, Pa.; Robert McCann, M.D., chief of medicine, Highland Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.; Timothy Page, chief executive officer, Kindred Hospital the Palm Beaches, Riviera Beach, Fla.; Duke Saldivar, chief executive officer, HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin, Texas; Patricia Upham, director, FirstHealth Home Care, West End, N.C.; and Rhonda Wiering, director, quality initiatives, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, S.D. Deborah Kania, administrative director, Sutter Oaks Nursing Center-Midtown, Sacramento, Calif.; and Jon Skinner, CEO/market executive, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, Dallas were both appointed to serve two-year partial terms and Charlotte Smith, M.D. medical director, inpatient rehabilitation unit & hospitalist, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle was appointed to serve a one-year partial term.

About the AHA
The AHA is a non-for-profit membership association of health care provider organizations and individuals committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes nearly 5,000 hospital, health system and other health care organization members, and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA web site at www.aha.org.

About Christiana Care Health System
Christiana Care Health System, headquartered in Wilmington, DE, is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking 21st in the nation for hospital admissions. A not-for-profit, non-sectarian health system, Christiana Care includes
two hospitals with more than 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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