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THOMAS M. PRISELAC TO RECEIVE AHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

WASHINGTON (April 2, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Health System in Los Angeles. This award recognizes significant lifetime contributions and service to the health care institutions and associations. Priselac will receive the award at a ceremony on Monday, May 5, at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

For more than three decades, Priselac has worked to improve the health of the patients and the many diverse communities served by Cedars-Sinai. During the last 20 years, as Cedars-Sinai's president and CEO, he has led the institution to the forefront of clinical quality, biomedical research, medical education and community service. Priselac holds the Warschaw/Law Chair in Healthcare Leadership at Cedars-Sinai, and is an author and invited speaker on health care policy, leadership and quality.

“Tom has been an incredible leader in our field, serving in numerous capacities to benefit the nation's patients and the broader health care system,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “He has served as an effective and influential voice here in Washington on behalf of all hospitals.”

Priselac has served as the AHA Board Chair in 2009, the chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges and chair of the California Hospital Association. He served on the Blue Cross of California board and subsequently became a founding member of the California HealthCare Foundation board.

He continues to advance health care and support the hospital field through his recent work chairing the AHA's Committee on Nominations, chairing the AHA PAC Steering Committee, as well as serving on the association's Area Wage Index Advisory Review Committee.

About the American Hospital Association

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. 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 website at www.aha.org.

About Cedars-Sinai

Since its inception in 1902, Cedars-Sinai has evolved to become the largest nonprofit hospital in the western United States - one that is internationally renowned for the best patient care modern medicine has to offer. Dedication to excellence, compassion and innovation is rooted in the Judaic tradition and is seen every day through the contributions of more than 2,000 physicians in every clinical specialty, 10,000 employees, 2,000 volunteers and 15,000 fundraising support group members. Physicians and scientists at Cedars-Sinai are engaged in basic and clinical research to bring medical advancements directly from the laboratory to the bedside. As the largest academic medical center in the western United States, Cedars-Sinai is also training the next generation of physicians, researchers and allied health professionals, with more than 500 residents and fellows participating in over 60 graduate medical education programs.

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