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PAULA R. AUTRY, FACHE, ELECTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CHICAGO, March 21, 2009—Paula R. Autry, FACHE, president , Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Autry took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 52nd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. She will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE's Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

Autry was named president at Mount Carmel East Hospital, a 399-bed acute-care hospital, in 2007. Prior to her current position, Autry served as executive vice president/administrator of Bon Secours Richmond (Va.) Community Hospital from 2002 to 2007. She also served Erlanger Health System, Chattanooga, Tenn., as senior vice president from 1995 to 2002. She has served University of South Alabama Medical Center, Mobile, as assistant administrator from 1987 to 1995.

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Before being elected an ACHE Governor, Autry was the Regent-at-Large for District 2 from 2006 through 2007, and Regent-at-Large for District 3 from 2004 through 2005. In addition to her service to ACHE, Autry serves on the board of directors of Taylor Station Family Health and Medigold, a Medicare Advantage program. She has previously served on the board of directors of the Richmond Community Hospital Foundation and Girls Inc. In 2008, she was named to Who's Who of Black Columbus. She also is a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives and the United Way Key Club, and a former member of CHIP of Virginia and the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Autry received her master's degrees in business administration and health administration from Tulane University, and her bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, as well as groundbreaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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