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SANFORD M. GARFUNKEL, FACHE, ELECTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CHICAGO, March 21, 2009—Sanford M. Garfunkel, FACHE, network director for the VA Capitol Health Care Network with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Linthicum Heights, Md., 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.

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

Garfunkel has served as network director for the VA Capitol Health Care Network since April 2007. As network director, Garfunkel is responsible for a \$1.1 billion budget and for VA healthcare facilities, including medical centers and community-based outpatient clinics, throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C., and portions of Virginia and West Virginia.

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Prior to his current position, Garfunkel served as director of the Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center for 12 years. He also served in leadership positions in VA medical centers in Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn, N.Y., and East Orange, N.J., as well as VA Central Office, Washington, D.C.

Garfunkel was appointed to the Board of Governors as an interim Governor in 2008. Before being elected an ACHE Governor, Garfunkel was the Department of Veterans Affairs ACHE liaison from 1993 through 2003. In addition to his service to ACHE, Garfunkel has served on the board of directors of the District of Columbia Hospital Association and the Senior Executives Association.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Garfunkel received his master's degree in healthcare administration from the Baruch College and the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, City University of New York, and his undergraduate degree from Baruch College, City College of New York.

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American College of Healthcare Executives

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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