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## **CHRISTOPHER D. VAN GORDER, FACHE, ELECTED CHAIRMAN-ELECT OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES**

**CHICAGO, March 21, 2009**—Christopher D. Van Gorder, FACHE, president and CEO, Scripps Health, San Diego, has been elected Chairman-Elect of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Van Gorder took office today at the Council of Regents meeting during the American College of Healthcare Executives' 52nd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. As Chairman-Elect, he will serve the first part of a three-year term in ACHE's consecutive chairmanship offices: Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Van Gorder previously served as an ACHE Governor since 2006. He has been president and CEO of Scripps Health since 2000. Scripps Health is a not-for-profit, integrated healthcare delivery system with five acute-care hospital campuses, 18 outpatient centers and home health care services, with more than 2,600 affiliated physicians and 12,700 employees.

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In addition to his work with ACHE, Van Gorder serves as a commissioner on the California Emergency Services Commission and is serving his second term as a commissioner for the United States National Commission for UNESCO. He is also an editorial board member for The Governance Institute and is on the board of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. He is a clinical professor in health administration at the University of Southern California, where he also serves on the Healthcare Administration Advisory Board of the university's School of Policy, Planning and Development. In addition, he is a reserve commander in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Unit and a licensed emergency medical technician.

Van Gorder received his master's degree in public administration/health services administration from the University of Southern California and completed the Wharton System CEO Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles.

### **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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