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CHRISTOPHER D. VAN GORDER, FACHE, INSTALLED AS CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES

CHICAGO, March 20, 2010—Christopher D. Van Gorder, FACHE, president and CEO of Scripps Health, San Diego, has assumed the office of Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Van Gorder was installed today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 53rd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. He received the gavel from Charles R. Evans, FACHE, outgoing ACHE Chairman. As Chairman, Van Gorder will serve the second 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 served as an ACHE Governor from 2006 to 2009.

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In addition to his work with ACHE, he holds numerous board appointments, including board member of the Board of Counselors of the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development and commissioner for the U.S. Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

He also serves as a clinical professor of health administration at the University of Southern California and as a reserve commander and licensed EMT for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Unit.

Van Gorder has served as president/CEO of Scripps Health since 2000. Prior to that, he was chief executive officer of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, and executive vice president of Memorial Health Services, Long Beach, Calif., from 1997 to 1999; president/CEO of Anaheim Memorial Medical Center (formerly Anaheim Memorial Hospital), Memorial Health Services, Anaheim, Calif., from 1996 to 1997; and president/CEO of Anaheim (Calif.) Memorial Hospital from 1995 to 1996.

In addition, Van Gorder was executive vice president of Little Company of Mary Health Services, Torrance, Calif., from 1993 to 1995 and senior vice president (1991 to 1993) and vice president (1986 to 1991) of Anaheim (Calif.) Memorial Hospital. He was an administrative resident (1985 to 1986) and director of safety (1980 to 1985) of Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles, and a police officer-agent for the City of Monterey Park, Calif. (retired IOD, January 1980), from 1976 to 1980.

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Van Gorder received his master's degree in public administration/health 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.

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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 FACHE[®] credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management, and its educational programs including the 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, 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 including textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

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