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**NASHVILLE HEALTH CARE TRADE MISSION FEATURES HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS
Highlights Opportunities in Europe, Focus on Sweden, Germany**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- February 27, 2008 - A group of senior health care executives from Nashville, Tenn., and elsewhere in the United States will participate in a week-long trade mission this fall that will feature meetings in Sweden and Germany with top industry executives, health care officials, government leaders and others who play key roles in the health care systems of those nations and the broader European Union.

The 2008 mission to Stockholm and Berlin will take place on September 7-12. It is the seventh health care trade mission hosted by the Nashville Health Care Council and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. It follows six highly successful missions – Germany and the U.K. (1999); France and Spain (2000); Belgium and Italy (2002); the U.K. and the Netherlands (2003); Hungary and the Czech Republic (2004); and Poland and Austria (2006).

“We are looking forward to showcasing Nashville’s health care industry on a global basis during this mission,” said Jack O. Bovender, Jr., mission leader and chairman and CEO of HCA Inc. “The many high-level meetings with industry and government leaders will serve to introduce Nashville’s health care innovations and to foster discussion about similar opportunities and challenges facing the health care systems in both Sweden and Germany, as well as across the European Union.”

Similar to the U.S., policymakers and business leaders in Europe are facing cost-containment pressures and are looking at tools to enhance the efficiency of their health care systems, including greater use of health information technology and reliance on disease management.

Health Care Council Acting President Caroline Young said, “A primary objective of the mission is to establish contacts with key industry leaders and policymakers in each country, as well as to generate two-way business opportunities. In addition, the trade missions provide a unique opportunity to spread the word on a global basis that Nashville is a health care industry capital pioneering ideas and solutions to our common health care challenges.”

The trade mission delegation is expected to include CEO-level executives from a broad spectrum of the health care industry, including hospital management, outpatient surgery, disease management, academic medicine and information technology. The mission also includes representatives from a number of professional services firms, including legal, accounting, architecture and finance.

Added John Butler, vice president International Business at the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, "These missions have a strong track record of generating positive trans-Atlantic discussions and business development, which also contribute to economic and job growth in the Nashville area and elsewhere."

For more information on participating in the mission, please contact John Butler at 615.743.3061.

ABOUT NASHVILLE'S HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

Nashville is widely recognized as a health care industry capital, and is home to more than 300 health care companies operating on a multi-state, national or international basis. Nashville-based health care companies account for more than \$80 billion in revenue and 430,000 jobs globally. In fact, nearly half of all investor-owned hospitals are owned and managed by Nashville-based companies. Not only a center of hospital management and related services, Nashville is also home to a diversified health care industry. Strong growth segments include ambulatory and outpatient surgery, dialysis, disease management, pharmaceutical services, clinical research, health information technology and biotechnology.

ABOUT THE NASHVILLE HEALTH CARE COUNCIL

Founded in 1995 as a program of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce's Partnership 2010 initiative, the Nashville Health Care Council is an association of health care industry leaders working together to further establish Nashville's position as the nation's health care industry capital.

The Council fosters the continued growth of Nashville's health care industry by creating a supportive operating environment for existing, start-up and relocating health care businesses. The Council also provides executives with information on operational and policy challenges facing health care companies, as well as networking and mentoring opportunities. Wayne T. Smith, chairman, president & CEO of Community Health Systems, serves as the 2007-08 Council chairman. For more information, please visit www.healthcarecouncil.com.

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