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University General Hospital Receives Medicare Provider Number

HOUSTON, TX — (BUSINESS WIRE) — February 20, 2007 — **University General Hospital, located near the Texas Medical Center area, has received its Medicare provider number, recognizing the facility as a general acute care hospital, and allowing the hospital to treat and bill for Medicare patients.**

"Obtaining Medicare status will allow us to serve a broad spectrum of members of our community," said Kamran Nezami, president and CEO of University Hospital Systems. "Although our facility is built on five-star principles, we truly desire for this level of service to be available to everyone."

The state-of-the-art facility was designed to suit the most exacting requirements of surgical procedures and medical treatments, and opened its doors in fall of 2006.

"We are excited to serve the Houston community's healthcare needs in a beautiful facility, with a level of customer service and medical excellence that truly sets us apart," said Sharon McDonough, University General Hospital's vice president of operations and chief nursing officer.

"As a general acute care facility, University General Hospital provides a broad range of inpatient and outpatient medical services, with tremendous focus on patient care in areas such as general surgery, orthopedics, cardiology, pain management, male reproductive health, ENT/head and neck, bariatrics, pulmonary medicine, executive wellness, and imaging services," said Laura Comer, vice president of strategic implementation and director of managed care.

"We believe that our presence in the marketplace is good for healthcare consumers because it compels other healthcare providers to step up and provide excellent service as well. Competition in the marketplace is a good thing for consumers. Our next step is to apply to become a Medicaid provider which will allow us to serve the full spectrum of the patient population in Houston. In addition, it is our fervent desire that managed care companies will see the benefit of allowing their customers to choose where they will receive healthcare as well, by allowing each of the University General Hospital facilities to become an in-network provider," said Comer.

About University General Hospital

University General Hospital-Houston Fannin location, is a 72-bed licensed general acute care facility built on the principles of five-star treatment and medical excellence. Further information about University General Hospital – Houston Fannin location may be found online at www.universitygeneralhospital.com.

About University General Hospital Systems

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, University General Hospital Systems is a national for-profit healthcare system that provides the highest quality and cost effective medical services available within a five-star environment. By partnering with leading vendors, world-renowned physicians, and top professionals in the healthcare industry, University General Hospital Systems will be placing additional five-star, physician-owned acute-care facilities in

key markets across the United States. Further information about University General Hospital Systems may be found online at www.universitygeneralhospitalssystem.com.