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COALITION FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE ELECTS JAMES W. VARNUM, DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK MEDICAL CENTER, AS NEW BOARD CHAIR

Washington, DC – Today, the Coalition for Nonprofit Health Care announced the election of its new 2002-2003 officers:

- **James W. Varnum** (President, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and President, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Alliance), *Chair*;
- **Brian E. Keeley** (President and CEO of Baptist Health Systems of South Florida), *Secretary/Treasurer*; and
- **Patricia A. Cahill, J.D.** (President and CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives), *Executive Committee, Member-At-Large*.

Effective immediately, the new officers will serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee of the Coalition Board of Directors, joining *Immediate Past Chair Boone Powell, Jr.* (Retired President and CEO of Baylor Health Care System), and *Immediate Past Secretary/ Treasurer Nicholas J. Wolter, M.D.* (CEO of Deaconess Billings Clinic).

Varnum has been a Coalition Director, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center a Member, since 1998. “I am proud to lead an organization that embodies so many of the principles that have guided us at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center,” he said. “We believe that strong, independent, nonprofit health care organizations are most effective at delivering the services our patients and communities demand and deserve. Maintaining the long tradition of nonprofit health care and preserving and protecting this critically important sector is essential to the long-term health of our citizens, our local communities, and ultimately, our society.”

Cahill has also been a Director since 1998. Keeley is a founding Director of the Coalition, and previously held the position of Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee.

The Coalition for Nonprofit Health Care is a Washington, DC-based umbrella organization of health care providers and associations of providers dedicated to preserving and championing the nation’s primarily nonprofit health care delivery system through an active agenda of research, education, and advocacy. It is a nonprofit, federally tax-exempt social welfare organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. For further information, please call 202-408-7170, or visit www.cnhc.org.

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