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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CENTRAL CIVIL WEST COURTHOUSE**

Coordination Proceeding
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

J.C.C.P. No. 4289

TENET HEALTHCARE CASES II

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

TO: All persons who were patients of Tenet Healthcare-Affiliated Hospitals between June 15, 1999 and December 31, 2004 and were either:

- (1) **UNINSURED**; or
- (2) **UNDERINSURED** and paid out-of-pocket the Gross Charge or a co-payment or deductible based on the percentage of the Gross Charge.

1. **You may be entitled to a REFUND** if you were an uninsured patient at a Tenet Healthcare Hospital, who paid out-of-pocket for treatment during the period June 15, 1999 to December 31, 2004. Please read this Notice carefully to learn about how to submit a Claim Form for a refund.
2. **You may qualify for a DISCOUNTED HOSPITAL BILL**, if you owe a Tenet-affiliated Hospital money and were uninsured when you received treatment during the period June 15, 1999 to December 31, 2004. You may want a revised discounted hospital bill because it may **help repair your credit rating**. Please read this Notice carefully to learn about how you may receive a discounted hospital bill.

Please note the following are important dates regarding this Settlement

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| • Deadline for Filing Claim Forms and Requesting Cash Refund: | January 11, 2006 |
| • Opt-Out Postmark Deadline: | June 10, 2005 |
| • Comment/Objection Postmark Deadline: | June 10, 2005 |
| • Fairness Hearing Date (10:00 AM at the Superior Court of the State of California, Los Angeles County, Central Civil West Courthouse): | August 5, 2005 |

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS - PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY IN ITS ENTIRETY

1. HISTORY OF THE CASE

Tenet Healthcare Corporation is a health care services company in the United States. During the Class Period, through its subsidiaries, Tenet owned and operated general acute care hospitals and related health care facilities serving communities in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Plaintiffs in this class action allege that Tenet and its hospitals violated certain laws, including unfair competition and consumer protection laws, and breached certain contracts by charging uninsured and certain underinsured patients inflated, unconscionable and unfair prices for Tenet's Hospital services. Specifically, plaintiffs allege that Tenet Hospitals charged uninsured and certain underinsured patients the hospital's full, non-discounted, or Gross Charge rate, which plaintiffs allege was excessive and unconscionable. Tenet has vigorously denied and continues to vigorously deny all of these claims, denies any and all allegations of wrongdoing, and believes that the class action has no merit.

The Settlement benefits summarized in Section 3 of this Notice assure certain Class Members of the right to seek adjustment of outstanding Tenet Hospital bills, and provides for cash refunds for Uninsured Class Members who have paid full Gross Charges. The Settlement also provides for a contribution by Tenet Healthcare of \$4 million to a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to aid the underinsured with health care costs. In addition, the Settlement provides for discounted pricing in the future for uninsured patients, protects patients' rights regarding financial counseling, fair treatment, reasonable payment terms, collection actions, and disclosure of costs, and requires the monitoring of these provisions.

Class Representatives and Class Counsel have reached this Settlement with Tenet after intensive negotiations conducted over the course of several months. Class Counsel concluded, after evaluating the facts, applicable law, the relative risks and benefits to the Class, that the Settlement is in the best interest of the Class and avoids the uncertainties and delay inherent in the continued prosecution of this complex litigation, while securing a substantial recovery for the Class. Class Members incur no risk or cost in obtaining the relief.

Tenet has agreed to enter into this Settlement to put to rest all controversy and to avoid further expense and burdensome, protracted and costly litigation which would be involved in defending this Class Action and any future actions, without in any way acknowledging fault or liability. The court will decide after the hearing on **August 5, 2005** whether to approve the Settlement.

2. CLASS ACTIONS & WHO IS COVERED BY THE SETTLEMENT

A. Nature of Class Actions

Class actions are lawsuits in which the claims and rights of many people are decided in a single court proceeding brought by representative plaintiffs (the “Class Representatives”). This avoids the necessity for hundreds, or even thousands, of people filing similar individual lawsuits, enables the court system to resolve these claims in a more efficient and economical way, and seeks to assure that people with similar claims are treated similarly. In a class action, the court has a responsibility to assure that prosecution and resolution of the class claims by the Class Representatives and class counsel is fair. Class Members are NOT individually responsible for the costs or fees of class counsel, which are subject to court award. In this case, all such costs and fees would be paid separately by Tenet and would NOT reduce the amount of cash refunds to Class Members.

B. Who Is In the Nationwide Settlement Class?

You are part of the Settlement Class and may be eligible to receive benefits under this Settlement if:

1. You were a patient at one of the Tenet-affiliated Hospitals identified below during the time period identified for that Hospital AND had no health insurance at the time of treatment (the “Uninsured”); or
2. You were a patient at one of the Tenet-affiliated Hospitals identified below during the time period identified for that Hospital AND had health insurance at the time of treatment, but paid (or were asked to pay) co-payments or deductibles based on a percentage of the Gross Charge (the “Underinsured”).

A list of included Hospitals and time periods is attached as Exhibit A.

3. BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The benefits and essential terms of the proposed Settlement are set forth below. Note that this is not the Settlement Agreement, which sets forth in greater detail the rights and obligations of the parties. The Settlement Agreement, together with Exhibits, was filed with the Court on March 11, 2005. If you desire a copy of the complete Settlement Agreement, the documents comprising it will be available on the Internet during the Notice Period at www.tenetclassaction.com, or you may request a copy by calling 1-800-280-8427. Review of the Settlement Agreement can be made from any computer with Internet access. The documents are also available on file in the Clerk’s Office of the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles.

A. What You May Receive – Restitution

1. Cash Refund – Uninsured Class Members Who Paid Tenet. You may receive a cash refund if you were uninsured at the time you received treatment at a Tenet Hospital and made payments on your Hospital bills. If you fill out a Claim Form (*see* Section 4), Tenet may give you a cash refund for paying out-of-pocket over a certain percentage of the Hospital’s Gross Charge rate for treatment received during the Class Period. The threshold percentage of the Tenet Hospital’s Gross Charge rate varies depending on the year the Class Member received the treatment as set forth in Table A:

Table A	Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Gross Charge Threshold	82%	75%	70%	67%	67%	75%

An Uninsured Settlement Class Member may be entitled to a refund of whatever amount he or she paid above and beyond the percentage of the Hospital’s Gross Charges set forth above. You are NOT responsible for calculating any refund amounts. Tenet will calculate refund amounts. All you need to do is to submit a Claim Form (*see* Section 4).

Example A: Uninsured Class Member Is Entitled to a Refund

- If an Uninsured Class Member was billed Gross Charges of \$2,000 for a certain surgical procedure in year 2000 and paid \$1,800 out-of-pocket, Tenet will refund that Class Member \$300 or the amount the Class Member paid in excess of the threshold percentage of the Gross Charge (*see* Table A above). In 2000, the threshold percentage of the Gross Charge is 75%

(75% of \$2,000 is \$1500). Since the Class Member paid \$1,800, he or she is entitled to a refund of \$300 (\$1,800 - \$1,500 = \$300).

Example B: Uninsured Class Member Is Not Entitled to a Refund

- If an Uninsured Class Member was billed \$2,000 for a certain surgical procedure in the year 2000 and paid \$1,000 out-of-pocket, Tenet will not refund that Class Member any amount. In this example, the Class Member paid less than the threshold percentage of the Gross Charge for the year 2000 (*see* Table A above). In 2000, the threshold percentage of the Gross Charge is 75% (75% of \$2,000 is \$1,500). Since the Class Member paid \$1,000 or \$500 less than the threshold percentage amount of \$1,500, he or she is not entitled to a refund.

The refund is limited to medically necessary services. Excluded from the refund process are charges paid for elective services, such as cosmetic surgery performed solely to improve appearance and other elective procedures that are not typically covered by insurance. In addition, the refund applies only to Hospital charges (i.e., bills you received from the Hospital itself). Doctors have their own separate charges and therefore such physician charges (i.e., bills received from your doctor) are excluded from the refund process.

2. A Revised Discounted Hospital Bill - Uninsured Class Members Who Owe Tenet.

For any Uninsured Class Member who owes, but has not paid, Tenet for Hospital services received during the period June 15, 1999 through December 31, 2004, Tenet will offer the Uninsured Class Member a revised discounted hospital bill. The revised bill will be a discounted percentage of the Hospital's Gross Charges that varies by year (*see* Table A above). If an Uninsured Class Member's credit rating was impaired as a result of an outstanding balance owed to Tenet, the revised discounted bill may help repair that credit rating.

Example: Uninsured Class Member Seeks a Revised Discounted Bill

- If an Uninsured Class Member was billed Gross Charges of \$2,000 for a certain surgical procedure in the year 2000 and paid only half of the bill, \$1,000 out-of-pocket, Tenet will send that Class Member a revised discounted bill that reflects a threshold percentage of the Gross Charge (*see* Table A above). In 2000, the threshold percentage of the Gross Charge is 75% (75% of \$2,000 is \$1,500). The Class Member's revised discounted bill will now state \$1,500 instead of \$2,000. Since the Class Member already paid \$1,000, he or she now owes Tenet \$500 instead of \$1,000.

3. \$4 Million Dollar Fund In Support of the Underinsured Class Members. Tenet shall address and resolve the claims alleged on behalf of Underinsured Settlement Class Members by paying \$4 million to a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to aid the underinsured with health care costs. The Plaintiffs will recommend a nonprofit organization(s) as a recipient of these funds subject to Court approval.

B. Other Benefits of the Settlement – Injunctive Relief

The Settlement provides uninsured and underinsured patients at Tenet Hospitals with a number of additional, significant benefits, including the following:

1. Discounted Pricing for Uninsured Patients. Gross Charges are the Hospital's full, non-discounted rates. The uninsured are typically the only patients who are charged and asked to pay for hospital services at the full Gross Charge rate. Going forward, and subject to applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, uninsured patients who receive treatment at Tenet Hospitals will be offered discounted pricing for the services they receive at rates comparable to the hospital's current managed care rates. In no instance will uninsured patients be charged more than the highest managed care rate (i.e., the highest arm's-length negotiated rate between the Tenet Hospital and any managed care insurance plan) in place at the Tenet Hospital at the time of treatment. These rates are analyzed and established based upon competitive conditions at each Tenet Hospital and therefore may vary from Hospital to Hospital and may change over time. These rates will be available to all patients regardless of income level.

Example: Discounted Pricing for the Uninsured & Underinsured

- A managed care company negotiates a 60% discount off Tenet's Gross Charges. A patient insured by this managed care company benefits from this discount. If that insured patient is billed \$1,000 for a certain medical procedure at a Tenet Hospital, then he or she is only obligated to pay \$400 (60% discount off \$1,000 is \$600 and \$1,000 - \$600 = \$400). As a result of the Settlement, an uninsured patient in the future at Tenet may pay only \$400, the comparable discounted managed care rate in this example.

2. Financial Counseling. Tenet Hospitals will provide financial counseling free of charge to all patients seeking treatment at Tenet Hospitals. Financial counseling for Uninsured patients shall include information concerning the following: (1) help in understanding and applying for local, state and federal health care programs such as Medicaid; (2) the right to be referred to a designated employee charged with responsibility for financial counseling regarding applying for financial assistance; (3) subject to legal requirements, the estimated potential financial obligations they may incur; (4) the right to settle their accounts through a schedule of regular payments if determined ineligible for government health care programs; and (5) the right to a determination on financial assistances as soon as reasonably possible.

3. Fair Treatment. Uninsured patients at Tenet Hospitals will be treated fairly and with respect during and after the treatment, regardless of their ability to pay for the services they receive.

4. Reasonable Payment Terms. Tenet Hospitals will offer reasonable payment terms and simple, flexible payment schedules to Uninsured patients. In addition, Tenet Hospitals will offer reasonable payment terms and schedules to Underinsured patients whose balance is in excess of \$1000.00. Financial counseling and such flexible payment term plan information will be communicated to patients, whenever possible, before they leave a Tenet Hospital.

5. Disclosure of Potential Cost of Treatment. Tenet Hospitals will disclose, in plain simple English and Spanish (where appropriate), the estimated charges for any anticipated treatment required to be paid by any uninsured patient, whenever possible in advance of that patient's surgery or other required medical treatment, or in the event of emergency as soon as practicable after the surgery or other required treatment is complete.

6. Collection Actions. Tenet Hospitals will not bill or attempt to collect fees (other than applicable co-payments associated with certain charity care programs) from a patient who has applied for financial assistance and submitted all of the required documentation, while an eligibility determination on the patient's completed application is pending.

In addition, before litigation may be initiated for purposes of collecting on any uninsured patient account, the following criteria must be satisfied: (i) There must be a minimum principal balance of \$1,250.00; (ii) The patient must be employed, or have another source of income that substantiates his or her ability to pay the debt without adverse financial impact upon the patient's ability to maintain the patient's household; (iii) All other known or possible alternative sources of payment must be exhausted; and (iv) An offer of settlement must be communicated or attempted to be communicated to the patient. Finally, if collection litigation is filed against an uninsured patient and judgment obtained, collection counsel has a standing directive to not lien the primary residence of the patient.

7. Monitoring. A designated employee of the Hospital shall be responsible for the oversight of charity care and financial aid provided, and the discount pricing to the Uninsured as well as the administration of the financial aid policy. The designated employee will determine annually whether additional financial aid policies or uninsured guidelines are needed.

For a more detailed and complete discussion of these and other Settlement provisions, please refer to the Settlement Agreement at www.tenetclassaction.com, or you may request a copy of the Settlement Agreement by calling 1-800-280-8427.

4. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?

A. Requesting a Cash Refund - CLAIM FORM

Class Members who believe they are entitled to a cash refund pursuant to the terms of the Settlement can request a refund from Tenet by completing and returning the enclosed Claim Form to the Claims Administrator at the address listed on the form.

Additionally, Class Members can obtain Claim Forms by calling 1-800-280-8427 or visiting www.tenetclassaction.com. Once a Class Member has submitted a Claim Form, no further action is required. The Claims Administrator will contact the Class Member once his or her claim has been adjudicated, or if additional information is needed in order to process the claim.

B. Claim Form Deadline

The deadline for submitting a Claim Form under this Settlement Agreement is **January 11, 2006**. A Claim Form is properly submitted if it is postmarked on or before January 11, 2006. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a properly completed Claim Form by January 11, 2006 shall be barred from receiving any payment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, but shall in all other respects be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

C. Requesting A Revised Bill

Class Members who believe they are entitled to a revised bill from Tenet pursuant to the terms of the Settlement should call 1-877-668-8736 and request a determination of whether they are entitled to a revised bill. **DO NOT** send in a Claim Form if you are seeking a revised bill. Claim Forms are for cash refunds only. Class Members who wish to be eligible for a revised bill must call the toll free number identified above by **January 11, 2006**.

D. Other Settlement Benefits

No action is required on the part of Class Members to be eligible to receive the additional Settlement benefits outlined in Section 3(B) above.

5. SHOULD I EXCLUDE MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

A. Effects of Remaining in the Class

If you are a Class Member, you do not need to do anything to remain in the Class. You will be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments entered in connection with the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable, and will be represented by Plaintiffs and Class Counsel for purposes of the Settlement. If you do not exclude yourself from the Class, and the Court approves the Settlement, entry of judgment will release your claims as provided herein in Section 9. If you are a Class Member, you may, if you wish, appear in this Class Action through your own attorney at your own expense. You would not be permitted to use the existence or terms of the Settlement Agreement or this Notice as evidence of any admission by Tenet regarding fault, liability, level of damages, or any similar issues. You do not, however, need to appear in this Class Action to participate in the Settlement.

B. Effects of Opting Out of This Settlement

If you opt out of this Settlement you will NOT be eligible to receive any benefits under the Settlement Agreement, and you would not be bound by any further orders or judgments, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class. You would retain any rights you may have to file or pursue, at your own expense, any claims and lawsuits against Tenet arising out of the alleged wrongful charging practices at issue. State laws may limit the time within which any suits must be filed. You would not be permitted to use the existence or terms of the Settlement Agreement or this Notice as evidence of any admission by Tenet regarding fault, liability, level of damages, or any similar issues.

C. Procedure If You Elect to Opt Out

If you do NOT want to remain a Class Member or participate in the Settlement, you must opt out by mailing a written request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator with copies to Tenet and Class Counsel at the following addresses:

Claims Administrator at:

Settlement Claims Administrator
P.O. Box 91069
Seattle, WA 98111-9169

Class Counsel at:

STEVE W. BERMAN
IVY D. ARAI
HAGENS BERMAN SOBOL
SHAPIRO LLP
1301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2900
Seattle, WA 98101

MICHAEL McSHANE
ALEXANDER HAWES & AUDET LLP
300 Montgomery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94104

Counsel for Tenet at:

ROD J. STONE
SAMUEL G. LIVERSIDGE
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333 South Grand Ave.,
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JACQUELINE E. MOTTEK
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RUDMAN & ROBBINS LLP
100 Pine Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

The request to opt out must be postmarked on or before **June 10, 2005**. The date of the postmark on the return-mailing envelope shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a request for exclusion has been timely submitted. The request for opting out must include your name, address, telephone number and signature and clearly state in writing all objections and the reasons for wanting to be excluded from the Class. It should also state that the request is in reference to Tenet Healthcare Cases II, J.C.C.P. No. 4289.

D. Personal and Individual Choice; Effect on Others

The decision to exclude yourself and opt out of the Settlement Class is yours alone. It should be made only after considering the effects of that decision on your rights.

6. WHO REPRESENTS THE CLASS?

A. Class Representatives & Representative Plaintiff

The Class Representatives in this action are Cynthia Wall Jervis, Lauren Bishop, Averil Empson, Raquel Delgadillo, Andrea Wallace, Sylvia Castro, and Karyn Walker. There is also a Representative Plaintiff, Congress of California Seniors ("CCS"). The Class Representatives and Representative Plaintiff have assisted Class Counsel in coordinating the prosecution of this action and in providing information needed to pursue the claims of all Class Members.

In recognition of the Class Representatives' willingness to assume the responsibilities of representation of the Class and of their actual representation of the Settlement Class, Tenet shall forgive any debts owed by Class Representatives for any treatment received during the Class Period. With respect to the Class Representatives, the Hospital, or any designated agent, assignee, or contractor shall retract any adverse information reported to any credit reporting agencies as a result of any Collection Action in a timely manner within 30 days of the effective date of the Settlement Agreement.

B. Class Counsel

The Court has appointed the following law firms as Class Counsel:

STEVE W. BERMAN, IVY D. ARAI
HAGENS BERMAN SOBOL SHAPIRO LLP
1301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2900
Seattle, WA 98101

MICHAEL McSHANE
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C. Recommendation of Class Counsel

Class Counsel recommend the proposed Settlement and believe that it is fair, adequate, and reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members.

7. WHO PAYS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES AND LITIGATION COSTS?

All administrative costs, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs are being paid by Tenet and will not result in a reduction of benefits to any Class Member. During the Fairness Hearing, Class Counsel will file an application for fees not less than \$6 million and not in excess of \$16 million for all services to be provided in implementing the Settlement, and all costs and expenses incurred in pursuing this litigation, including but not limited to, travel costs, court costs, expert fees, court reporter fees, transcript fees, postage, courier, and copy costs. Tenet has agreed that it will be responsible for Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs and for costs in the range set forth above, as may be ordered by the Court, up to but not in excess of the amount identified above, and for costs of Notice and for payment to the Claims Administrator in fulfilling the responsibilities delegated under the Settlement.

8. SETTLEMENT APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Pursuant to a Court Order, a Fairness Hearing will be held at **10:00 AM, August 5, 2005**, California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005, for the purpose of determining whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved, and to determine the attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses to be awarded to Class Counsel. The time and date of the hearing may be continued from time-to-time without further notice to the Class.

You may attend the Fairness Hearing if you wish, but are NOT required to do so in order to participate in the Settlement. Any Class Member who has not requested exclusion from the Class may appear at the Hearing in person or by hiring an attorney to show cause why the Settlement should not be approved as fair, reasonable or adequate. However, no Class Member shall be heard in opposition to the Settlement, and no paper or brief submitted by any Class Member shall be received or considered by the Court unless, **on or before June 10, 2005**, the Class Member files a notice of intention to appear, including a statement of the position to be asserted, the grounds therefore, and references Tenet Healthcare Cases II, J.C.C.P. No. 4289, together with copies of any supporting papers or briefs, with the Clerk of Court, California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Copies of any such objection, and any supporting papers or briefs shall also be served **on or before June 10, 2005** upon each of the following counsel:

Counsel for Tenet at:

ROD J. STONE
SAMUEL G. LIVERSIDGE
GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP
333 South Grand Ave., Suite 4900
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Class Counsel at:

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If you do not comply with the procedure and deadlines stated above, you will not be entitled to be heard at the Fairness Hearing, or to otherwise contest the approval of the Settlement, or to appeal from any orders or judgments of the Court entered thereon.

If the Court does not approve the Settlement after the Fairness Hearing or the Settlement does not become final for any other reason, then Class Members will not receive any Settlement benefits and the Settlement will be null and void.

9. FINAL JUDGMENT AND RELEASES

The Court's determination on the final approval or Final Judgment of the proposed Settlement will be binding on all Class Members (except for those who have properly and timely opted out of the Class). If the Settlement receives final approval by the Court after the Fairness Hearing, Defendants will be broadly released from all claims arising from the matters, which gave rise to this action, and the claims raised in this action will be dismissed with prejudice. The release of claims to be given to Defendants and the Released Parties in the Settlement is broad and will, with certain exceptions, release all claims under federal and state law, which you may have against Defendants and the other Released Parties as described below. The consideration for this Release is your opportunity to receive benefits under the Settlement. The text of the Release is set forth below:

RELEASE: It is hereby agreed that upon the Effective Date, the Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members and their heirs, executors, estates, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents and representatives shall be deemed to have jointly and severally released and forever discharged Defendants and the Related Parties from any and all Released Claims, whether known or unknown, and shall be fully and forever barred and enjoined from instituting or prosecuting in any court or tribunal, either directly or indirectly, individually or representatively, any and all Released Claims against any of the Defendants or Related Parties.

"Related Parties" means the Defendants and all of their past and present officers, directors, agents, designees, servants, sureties, attorneys, employees, parents, associates, controlling or principal shareholders, general or limited partners or partnerships, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, insurers, and all predecessors or successors in interest, assigns, or legal representatives.

"Released Claims" means and includes any and all claims, demands, rights, damages, obligations, suits, debts, liens, contracts, agreements and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, ascertained or unascertained, suspected or unsuspected, existing or claimed to exist, including unknown claims, of the Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members that were or could have been brought against the Defendants and the Related Parties, or any of them, from the beginning of the Class Period to the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement, based upon or related to any charges incurred, or any billing, pricing or collection activity, in connection with any treatment or service received at any hospital or medical facility of any kind owned or operated by Tenet and/or its subsidiaries. Released claims do not include claims for personal injury or medical malpractice or other claims related to the quality or standard of care provided to patients.

10. WHERE DO I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

This Notice contains a summary of the Settlement and instructions on how to object or to exclude yourself. For more detailed information, you or your attorney may examine the Settlement Agreement, as well as pleadings and other documents filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005, during regular business hours. If you have any questions regarding this Settlement, you should direct them in writing to the Claims Administrator: Settlement Claims Administrator, P.O. Box 91069, Seattle, WA 98111-9169.

Information regarding this Settlement can also be obtained at www.tenetclassaction.com or by calling 1-800-280-8427.

Also, information regarding the Settlement may be obtained through a website maintained by Class Counsel at www.hbsslaw.com. However, the Class Counsel website cannot be used for communicating with Class Counsel. In order for a written record of your communication to be maintained, if you decide to remain a Class member and wish to communicate with Class Counsel identified above, you may do so by writing to: STEVE W. BERMAN, IVY D. ARAI, HAGENS BERMAN SOBOL SHAPIRO LLP, 1301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2900, Seattle, WA 98101.

You may also consult with your own legal counsel at your own expense.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT

Dated: March 14, 2005

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
The Honorable Wendell Mortimer, Jr.

ATTACHED EXHIBIT TO THIS NOTICE: List of Included Hospitals and Time Periods

EXHIBIT A

Included Hospitals and Time Periods:

(Unless otherwise indicated below, the relevant time period for each hospital is June 15, 1999 through December 31, 2004)

Alvarado Hospital Medical Center/SDRI (CA)	Graduate Hospital (PA)	Regional Medical Center of NEA (AR) (06/15/99 – 12/01/03)
Atlanta Medical Center (GA)	Greater El Monte Community Hospital (CA) (6/15/99 – 11/1/04)	RHD Memorial Medical Center (TX)
Brookwood Medical Center (AL)	Gulf Coast Medical Center (MS)	Roxborough Memorial Hospital (PA) (12/18/02 – 12/31/04)
Brotman Medical Center (CA)	Hahnemann University Hospital (PA)	Saint Francis Hospital (TN)
Brownsville Medical Center (TX) (06/15/99 – 06/30/04)	Hialeah Hospital (FL)	Saint Louis University Hospital (MO)
Centinela Hospital Medical Center (CA) (6/15/99 – 11/19/04)	Hilton Head Medical Center and Clinics (SC)	Saint Mary's Medical Center (FL) (7/1/01 – 12/31/04)
Central Arkansas Hospital (AR) (06/15/99 – 12/01/03)	Hollywood Medical Center (FL)	Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center (MA)
Central Carolina Hospital (NC)	Houston Northwest Medical Center (TX)	San Dimas Community Hospital (CA)
Century City Hospital (CA) (06/15/99 – 05/31/04)	Irvine Regional Hospital and Medical Center (CA)	San Ramon Regional Medical Center (CA)
Chapman Medical Center (CA)	John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital (CA)	Santa Ana Hospital Medical Center (CA) (06/15/99 – 09/01/03)
Cleveland Clinic Hospital (FL) (7/2/01 – 12/31/04)	John W. Harton Regional Medical Center (TN) (06/15/99 – 11/01/03)	Seven Rivers Community Hospital (FL) (06/15/99 – 11/01/03)
Coastal Communities Hospital (CA)	Kenner Regional Medical Center (LA)	Shelby Regional Medical Center (TX) (10/1/00 – 12/31/04)
Community Hospital of Huntington Park (CA)	Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center (NV) (06/15/99 – 02/01/04)	Sierra Medical Center (TX)
Community Hospital of Los Gatos (CA)	Lake Pointe Medical Center (TX)	Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center (CA)
Coral Gables Hospital (FL)	Lakewood Regional Medical Center (CA)	South Fulton Medical Center (GA) (4/16/01 – 12/31/04)
Creighton University Medical Center (NE)	Los Alamitos Medical Center (CA)	SouthPointe Hospital (MO)
Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center (TX)	Meadowcrest Hospital (LA)	Spalding Regional Hospital (GA)
Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital (CA) (12/17/01 – 11/19/04)	Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital (PA) (06/15/99 – 07/30/04)	St. Alexius Hospital (MO) (11/1/01 – 12/23/04)
Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital (CA) (12/17/01 – 11/19/04)	Memorial Medical Center Mid-City (aka Lindy Boggs) and Uptown Campuses (LA)	St. Charles General Hospital (LA)
Delray Medical Center (FL)	MetroWest Medical Center – Leonard Morse Campus (MA)	St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (PA)
Des Peres Hospital (MO)	MetroWest Medical Center – Union Campus (MA)	St. Luke Medical Center (CA) (6/15/99 – 6/1/02)
Desert Regional Medical Center (CA)	Midway Hospital Medical Center (CA) (6/15/99 – 12/1/04)	St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (AR) (06/15/99 – 12/01/03)
Doctors Hospital (TX)	Mission Hospital of Huntington Park (CA)	Suburban Medical Center (CA)
Doctors Hospital of Jefferson (LA) (06/15/99 – 08/31/04)	Monterey Park Hospital (CA) (6/15/99 – 11/1/04)	Sylvan Grove Hospital (GA)
Doctors Hospital of Manteca (CA)	Nacogdoches Medical Center (TX)	Three Rivers Healthcare – North and South Campuses (MO) (06/15/99 – 01/01/03)
Doctors Medical Center (Modesto, CA)	National Park Medical Center (AR) (06/15/99 – 12/01/03)	Trinity Medical Center (TX)
Doctors Medical Center (Pinole, CA)	North Fulton Regional Hospital (GA)	Twelve Oaks Medical Center (TX) (06/15/99 – 12/31/03)
Doctors Medical Center (San Pablo, CA) (06/15/99 – 07/31/04)	North Ridge Medical Center (FL)	Twin Cities Community Hospital (CA)
East Cooper Regional Medical Center (SC)	North Shore Medical Center (FL)	Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center (MO) (06/15/99 – 11/01/03)
Elkins Park Hospital (PA) (06/15/99 – 11/01/03)	NorthShore Regional Medical Center (LA)	University Medical Center (TN) (06/15/99 – 11/01/03)
Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center (Encino, CA)	Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center (FL)	USC University Hospital (CA)
Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center (Tarzana, CA)	Palmetto General Hospital (FL)	Warminster Hospital (PA)
Florida Medical Center (FL)	Park Plaza Hospital (TX)	West Boca Medical Center (FL)
Forest Park Hospital (MO) (6/15/99 – 12/23/04)	Parkview Hospital (PA) (06/15/99 – 09/08/03)	Western Medical Center Hospital Anaheim (CA)
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center (CA)	Parkway Regional Medical Center (FL)	Western Medical Center Santa Ana (CA)
Frye Regional Medical Center (NC)	Piedmont Medical Center (SC)	Whittier Hospital Medical Center (CA) (6/15/99 – 11/1/04)
Frye Regional Medical Center- Alexander Campus (NC)	Placentia Linda Hospital (CA)	Winona Memorial Hospital (IN) (06/15/99 – 09/01/02)
Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center (CA)	Providence Memorial Hospital (TX)	
Garfield Medical Center (CA) (6/15/99 – 11/1/04)	Queen of Angels/Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center (CA)	
Garland Community Hospital (TX) (06/15/99 – 10/04/01)	Rancho Springs Medical Center (CA) (06/15/99 – 01/13/01)	
Good Samaritan Hospital (FL) (7/1/01 – 12/31/04)	Redding Medical Center (CA) (06/15/99 – 07/16/04)	