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## **Great-West Healthcare and HCA East Florida Division agree to contract extension**

**GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo.** – Oct. 23, 2006 – Great-West Healthcare, a national employee benefits provider, today announced it has signed a contract with the HCA East Florida Division (HCA) to extend its relationship with HCA's 13 hospitals and affiliated surgical and diagnostic centers to provide in-network health care services to members.

The agreement provides Great-West Healthcare members with continued access to HCA inpatient and outpatient hospital services such as comprehensive cardiac services, cancer care, emergency care, obstetrics, orthopedics and outpatient ancillaries.

"Great-West Healthcare has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with HCA in both the South Florida and Treasure Coast market, and we believe this new contract will benefit our members," said Steve White, Southeast region president, Great-West Healthcare. "We are pleased to continue offering our members a wide choice of quality physicians and hospitals, enabling them to receive services at HCA facilities at discounted, in-network rates."

"HCA is looking forward to an enhanced relationship with Great-West Healthcare in serving the health care needs of our communities through our comprehensive list of quality inpatient and outpatient services, and our dedicated physicians and staff," said Stephen L. Royal, president, HCA East Florida Division. "Great-West Healthcare is poised for growth in Florida and we are happy to be one of their business associates."

The following HCA hospitals and surgery centers will continue to serve the health care needs of Great-West Healthcare members in South Florida:

### **Broward County**

- Northwest Medical Center, Margate
- Plantation General Hospital, Plantation
- University Hospital and Medical Center, Tamarac
- Westside Regional Medical Center, Plantation

### **Miami-Dade County**

- Aventura Hospital and Medical Center, Aventura
- Cedars Medical Center, Miami
- Kendall Regional Medical Center, Miami

### **Okeechobee County**

- Raulerson Hospital, Okeechobee

### **Palm Beach County**

- Columbia Hospital, West Palm Beach
- JFK Medical Center, Atlantis
- Palms West Hospital, Loxahatchee

## **St. Lucie County**

- Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, Fort Pierce
- St. Lucie Medical Center, Port St. Lucie

### **About Great-West Healthcare**

Great-West Healthcare, a division of Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, is a national employee benefits provider with expertise in self-funding and health care management solutions. Nationally, the division operates a health care network that includes more than 4,250 hospitals and 550,000 providers and provides health care services to 2 million people. Visit [www.greatwesthealthcare.com](http://www.greatwesthealthcare.com) for more information.

Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, headquartered in metro-Denver, serves its customers through a full range of health care plans, life and disability insurance, annuities, and retirement savings products and services. It is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Great-West Lifeco Inc. and a member of the Power Financial Corporation group of companies. Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company is not licensed to do business in New York. Products are sold in New York by its subsidiary First Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, White Plains, N.Y.

### **About HCA East Florida Division**

HCA East Florida Division is a quality healthcare network comprised of 13 affiliated hospitals, 10 surgery centers, eight diagnostic centers and one integrated regional lab in South Florida and the Treasure Coast. Together, the network employs over 12,500 individuals and has close to 6,000 physicians on staff. HCA is based in Nashville, Tenn., with a regional East Florida office in Fort Lauderdale. More information is available on [www.flahospitals.com](http://www.flahospitals.com).

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