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**LSU Appoints Green Hospital Administrator
For Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center**

Baton Rouge (November 13, 2007) – The LSU Health Care Services Division has appointed Rhonda Green, RN, MBA/MHCM, hospital administrator for Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center (LJCMC) in Houma, Louisiana, effective December 1, 2007.

Ms. Green, who has served as acting hospital administrator since July 2007, has more than 17 years experience in hospital management and health care. As chief nursing officer from 2004 to 2007 for LJCMC, a 90-bed facility, she served as a senior administrator and was responsible for all inpatient and outpatient care areas and more than 400 full-time employees.

“We have complete confidence in Ms. Green’s ability to oversee the operation of Leonard. J. Chabert Medical Center,” said Dr. Michael Butler, acting chief executive officer of the LSU Health Care Services Division. “She is highly qualified and has a wealth of experience. Her skill, achievements, and dedication rank her among the best.”

From 1999 to 2004, she was nurse manager of the acute medical detox unit at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, where she was responsible for opening the unit and for its guidelines and policy development, implementation of protocols for patient care and treatment, and staff hiring, with less than a one-percent turnover rate. She also served as an assistant section manager in the Emergency Department for 12 years.

She served as emergency room charge nurse, orientation nurse and staff nurse for Tenet Healthcare Kenner Regional Medical Center from 1992 to 1999 and was responsible for staffing, scheduling, and orientation of its 14-bed emergency department.

Ms. Green also opened a 15-bed wound care/psychiatric unit for Community Health Care Hospital and developed unit policies, procedures, and wound-care protocols and readied the unit for and attained Department of Health and Hospitals licensure.

She served in a variety of positions for Hotel Dieu and University hospitals, including relief house supervisor, assistant section manager and orientation nurse for the emergency department, staff nurse for the medical neurology and infectious disease unit, and BLS and ACLS instructor. She was named one of Hotel Dieu’s 25 Best

Nurses and the New Orleans District Nurses Association Great 100 Nurses and received the Delores Shirley Entrepreneurial Award.

Ms. Green holds a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing, a Master of Business Administration and a Master's degree in Health Care Management. She is also a legal nurse consultant and expert witness for area law firms.

The fifth largest public hospital system in the country, the LSU Health Care Services Division is the medical provider for almost 20% of Louisiana's population. It has over 60,000 admissions, 350,000 patient days, 1 million outpatient visits, and over 350,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1700 residents from the LSU and Tulane Schools Of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 4,000 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU HCSD facilities.

LSU HCSD is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana and provides over 95% of the health care for Louisiana's prisoners. LSU hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.6 billion in asset business activity, \$918 million in personal earnings, and support over 10,000 jobs.

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