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## **MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S JOBS BILL**

*Attribute statement to: Lloyd H. Dean, President/CEO*

“Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the fifth largest health system in the nation, employing approximately 55,000 people across California, Arizona, and Nevada. Throughout the economic downturn, we have continued to hire workers at all levels of our organization. At present, we have more than 2,000 job openings. Indeed, the health care industry has been the single most stable industry with respect to jobs during this difficult economic environment.

We fully support bringing more people into the workforce and applaud the President's efforts to encourage job growth. In addition to the improvements in the economy, employment also gives people access to health insurance coverage. We are concerned, however, that the Jobs Bill may be paid for by further cuts to federal health insurance programs. Approximately 65 percent of the people we care for are insured through Medicare or Medicaid, and any further cuts in reimbursements from those programs will severely impact our ability to hire and retain workers. We are hopeful that the President and Congress will be able to find the right balance such that an increase in employment does not come at the expense of health care.”

### **About Catholic Healthcare West**

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2010, CHW provided more than \$1.3 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at [www.chwHEALTH.org](http://www.chwHEALTH.org).

