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**Paula Register Named Carondelet Health Network's Senior Vice President,
Physician, Ambulatory and Continuum Services**

TUCSON, Ariz. – (Jan. 28, 2010) – Carondelet Health Network recently welcomed Paula Register to the newly created position of Senior Vice President, Physician, Ambulatory and Continuum Services. Register joined the Carondelet senior leadership team on January 12, 2010.

In sharing the news of Register's new role and responsibilities with the Network, Ruth W. Brinkley, Carondelet Health Network President and Chief Executive Officer, noted that providing excellent health care services to this region is critically dependent upon having trusted relationships with its physicians. Register will be responsible for managing the needs of Carondelet's affiliated physicians including Carondelet Medical Group, Carondelet Specialty Group, the physician management services organization and network Ambulatory and Continuum services.

Register has extensive experience in this role, most recently in Chattanooga, Tennessee where she was Vice President, Physician Services with Memorial Health Care System, a Catholic Health Initiatives ministry. At Memorial, she managed a network of more than 140 physicians and was responsible for oversight of the system's ambulatory surgery services and a variety of community-based health care services.

Register is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a long history in finance, including roles as Chief Financial Officer for Piedmont Healthcare in North Carolina and in two state school systems there. A graduate from Western Carolina University with a BSBA in Accounting, Register is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Medical Group Management Association.

Carondelet Health Network, located in Tucson, Arizona, is a Catholic, nonprofit health care system dedicated to responding to the health care needs of Southern Arizonans. With a Mission to Heal, Carondelet was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet 130 years ago. Carondelet Health Network facilities include Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital, Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital and Tucson Heart Hospital in Tucson and Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales, Arizona. Other Carondelet

services include twenty Carondelet Medical Group primary care and specialty practice locations, an ambulatory surgery center and various outpatient services. Carondelet Health Network is a ministry of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic, non-profit health care system. In Fiscal Year 2009, Carondelet provided over \$43 million (8.1 percent of its net revenue) in Community Benefit to improve the health of our community and increase access to health care. More information about Carondelet Health Network is available at www.carondelet.org.