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John Barbadian Appointed HR Director, Health Services

LOS ANGELES, Calif., August 3, 2007 – The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) today announced the appointment of John C. Barbadian as the new Director of Human Resources. Barbadian will be responsible for centralized management of human resource functions, which includes five hospitals and six comprehensive health centers and serves the healthcare needs of the County’s 10 million residents.

Barbadian joins DHS after a long and successful career in human resource management in healthcare organizations. He served as Vice President of Human Resources at Stanford University Hospital and Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital. He also previously served as Director of Operations at the University of Washington, where he directed HR functions for both Harbor View Medical Center and the University of Washington Medical Center. He has a successful track record in working with employee organizations in labor negotiation and collaboration to improve services to patients.

“We are pleased that John will be joining our senior management team to bring his experience and expertise to human resources,” said DHS Director and Chief Medical Officer Bruce Chernof, M.D. “DHS has more than 20,000 employees, who rely on HR services to support them in their mission of caring.”

Barbadian also has extensive experience in Southern California healthcare, having served at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian as Vice President of Human Resources and Support Services and at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in a similar capacity.

He began his career with the County of Los Angeles in 1974 and worked in DHS Human Resources for three years, establishing his understanding of the complexities of the second-largest county health department in the nation.

“This department fulfills an extraordinary mission every day to the residents of Los Angeles County, little of which makes the headlines,” said Barbadian. “I see a big part of my role to bring pride back into the ranks of this organization during a time of momentous change in healthcare.”