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Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association Announces New President and CEO

Phoenix, Arizona – The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) Board of Directors today announced that it has named Laurie Liles as its new president and chief executive officer, following an extensive national search. Liles, who now leads AzHHA’s legislative and regulatory advocacy team, will begin her new role on September 7.

Currently senior vice president of public affairs, Liles joined AzHHA in 1991. Through her successful implementation of AzHHA’s strategic advocacy agenda, Liles has positively influenced public policy on behalf of the state’s hospitals and healthcare community.

“I am extremely pleased to announce the selection of Laurie Liles as our association's next president and CEO. After conducting a national search, AzHHA’s Board of Directors found Ms. Liles not only to be the best prepared, but also the most enthusiastic candidate for this important position,” said Norm Botsford, chairman of the AzHHA Board of Directors. “The state's healthcare community and citizens will be well served by Ms. Liles’ leadership as we begin the process of implementing the historic healthcare reforms recently signed into law by President Obama.”



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Liles has held progressively more responsible positions during her 19-year career with AzHHA, culminating most recently with her multiple leadership roles in public affairs. She has worked closely with the chief executive officers of AzHHA member hospitals throughout Arizona and looks forward to her new role.

“In addition to announcing our new CEO, the Board also wants to express its deep appreciation to John Rivers for his nearly 25 years of outstanding leadership as he begins his retirement later this year,” Botsford said.

Liles will succeed John Rivers, who has served as AzHHA president and CEO since 1986. Rivers will be available in a consulting role until his retirement becomes official in January 2011.

About AzHHA

AzHHA is an organization of hospitals and healthcare systems dedicated to providing leadership on issues affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. For more information, please contact Kristin Davis at kdavis@azhha.org or the following phone numbers: (602) 445-4318 (office) or (602) 561-9646 (cell).

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