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Humana responds to the Government's review of the NHS

LONDON, UK 30th June 2008 – Commenting on Lord Darzi's plans for the NHS, announced today, Humana Europe Chief Executive **Dr Jonathan Lord** said: "We very much welcome plans to measure quality and key health outcomes across the health service which will allow PCTs to focus on long-term measures to raise the health profile of their local populations.

"We also welcome the Government's plan to promote participation in exercise and increase health awareness which our own work has shown is a valuable means towards helping people take responsibility for leading healthy lifestyles and reducing their risk of developing conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

"As a company involved in helping to drive forward world class commissioning, Humana welcomes commitments made to a forward-looking health service focused on improving the way health services are delivered to individuals and on improving health outcomes across the country."

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Notes to editors:

1. Commenting on the Government's review of the NHS, Humana welcomed the measures aimed to promote participation in exercise and increase health awareness which they see as a valuable means towards helping people take responsibility for leading healthy lifestyles and reducing their risk of developing conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. Humana are themselves working on a number of different projects to encourage healthy behaviour as a means to improving health outcomes including their work with Stoke PCT to help people with high BMI incorporate more exercise into their daily routine.
2. Humana also believes that the move to measure key health outcomes and quality across the health service will allow PCTs to focus on long-term measures to raise the health profile of their local populations. Humana believes that this approach is key to the role effective commissioning can play in improving clinical outcomes, enhancing patient experience and reducing costs for PCTs in the long term.
3. Humana Europe was established in the UK to provide commissioning support to PCTs in England. Humana Europe provides expert guidance, tools, and innovative solutions to support PCTs, providers, and stakeholders in delivering services that best meet the health needs of the individual. For more information please visit www.humana.co.uk.