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Humana Inc. to Hold Annual Shareholders' Meeting on April 27, 2006

LOUISVILLE, KY – March 24, 2006 – Humana Inc. (NYSE: HUM) will hold its annual shareholders' meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. eastern time. The company will webcast the shareholders' meeting for those unable to attend the event in person.

The live virtual presentation (audio only) may be accessed via Humana's Investor Relations page at www.humana.com. The accompanying slide presentation will be posted to this site, as well. The company suggests web participants sign on approximately 15 minutes in advance of the scheduled meeting time. The company also suggests web participants visit the site well in advance of the meeting to run a system test and to download any free software needed to view the presentation.

All parties interested in listening to the audio only portion of the presentation are invited to dial 888-625-7430. No password is required. The company suggests participants dial in approximately ten minutes in advance of the scheduled meeting time.

For those unable to listen to the live event, the virtual presentation archive will be available in the Presentations section of the Investor Relations page at www.humana.com, approximately two hours following the live webcast. Telephone replays will be available from 12:00 p.m. eastern time on April 27, 2006 until midnight eastern time on May 4, 2006 and can be accessed by dialing 800-642-1687 and providing the conference ID #6517403.

Humana Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is one of the nation's largest publicly traded health benefits companies, with approximately 9 million medical members. Humana offers a diversified portfolio of health insurance products and related services – through traditional and consumer-choice plans – to employer groups, government-sponsored plans, and individuals.

Over its 45-year history, Humana has consistently seized opportunities to meet changing customer needs. Today, the company is a leader in consumer engagement, providing guidance that leads to lower costs and a better health plan experience throughout its diversified customer portfolio.

More information regarding Humana is available to investors via the Investor Relations page of the company's web site at <http://www.humana.com>, including copies of:

- Annual report to stockholders;
- Securities and Exchange Commission filings;
- Most recent investor conference presentation;
- Quarterly earnings news releases;
- Replay of most recent earnings release conference call;
- Calendar of events (includes upcoming earnings conference call dates, times, and access number, as well as planned interaction with research analysts and institutional investors);
- Corporate Governance information.