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W. Roy Dunbar elected to Humana's Board of Directors

LOUISVILLE, KY – April 26, 2005 – Humana Inc. (NYSE: HUM) announced today that W. Roy Dunbar has been elected as a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Dunbar, 44, is president of global technology and operations for MasterCard International, MasterCard's largest division, based in St. Louis. He previously worked for Eli Lilly and Co. for 14 years, most recently serving as president of intercontinental operations, before joining MasterCard in September 2004. At Eli Lilly, he was chief information officer from 1999 to 2003.

“Mr. Dunbar's innovative, consumer-focused approach to information technology at MasterCard and Lilly brings a valuable advantage to our board,” said John R. Hall, chairman of the board's Nominating and Governance Committee, which nominated Mr. Dunbar. “As Humana extends its position as the leading consumer company in health benefits, we will benefit from Mr. Dunbar's expertise in developing information systems that are easy for consumers to understand and use effectively.”

Mr. Dunbar also serves on the board of directors of Electronic Data Systems Corporation. His election brings the number of Humana directors to seven.

Humana Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, is one of the nation's largest publicly traded health benefits companies, with approximately 7 million medical members located primarily in 15 states and Puerto Rico. 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 44-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 institutional investors);
- Corporate Governance information.
