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**COVENTRY HEALTH CARE TO SPEAK AT THE
BARCLAYS CAPITAL GLOBAL HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE**

Bethesda, Maryland (March 3, 2009) – Coventry Health Care, Inc. (NYSE: CVH) announced today that Shawn Guertin, Chief Financial Officer, is scheduled to present at the Barclays Capital Global Healthcare Conference in Miami, Florida, at 1:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

The public may access a live webcast of the presentation and accompanying slides on the Investor Relations page of Coventry’s website at www.coventryhealthcare.com. A replay of the presentation will be available at the same website following the presentation until Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

Coventry Health Care (www.coventryhealthcare.com) is a diversified national managed healthcare company based in Bethesda, Maryland, operating health plans, insurance companies, network rental and workers’ compensation services companies. Through its Commercial Business, Individual Consumer & Government Business, and Specialty Business divisions, Coventry provides a full range of risk and fee-based managed care products and services to a broad cross section of individuals, employer and government-funded groups, government agencies, and other insurance carriers and administrators.