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Humana Completes Aggregate Offerings of \$1 billion of Senior Notes

LOUISVILLE, KY (December 10, 2012) – Humana Inc. (NYSE: HUM) announced today the completion of its public offerings of \$600 million of its 3.150 percent Senior Notes, due December 1, 2022, at 99.610 percent of the principal amount (the “2022 Senior Notes”), and \$400 million of its 4.625 percent Senior Notes, due December 1, 2042, at 99.937 percent of the principal amount (the “2042 Senior Notes”). Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. acted as the joint book-running managers for both the 2022 Senior Notes and the 2042 Senior Notes (collectively, the “Senior Notes Offerings”).

The Company expects that a portion of the net proceeds from the Senior Notes Offerings will be used for its previously-announced acquisition of Metropolitan Health Networks, Inc. (“Metropolitan”), to retire Metropolitan’s indebtedness (after applying Metropolitan’s estimated cash on hand at the closing of the acquisition), and to pay related fees and expenses. The Company expects to use any remaining net proceeds from the offering not applied to the foregoing uses for general corporate purposes.

In the event that the Company does not complete its acquisition of Metropolitan on or prior to May 31, 2013 or if, prior to that date, the merger agreement with respect to the acquisition is terminated, the Company will be required to redeem all of the notes of both series at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of each series of notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the date of redemption.

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Cautionary Statement

This news release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in investor presentations, press releases, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, and in oral statements made by or with the approval of one of Humana's executive officers, the words or phrases like "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "likely will result," "estimates," "projects" or variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, including, among other things, information set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of the company's SEC filings, a summary of which includes but is not limited to the following:

- If Humana does not design and price its products properly and competitively, if the premiums Humana charges are insufficient to cover the cost of health care services delivered to its members, if the company is unable to implement clinical initiatives to provide a better health care experience for its members, lower costs and appropriately document the risk profile of its members, or if its estimates of benefit expenses are inadequate, Humana's profitability could be materially adversely affected. Humana estimates the costs of its benefit expense payments, and designs and prices its products accordingly, using actuarial methods and assumptions based upon, among other relevant factors, claim payment patterns, medical cost inflation, and historical developments such as claim inventory levels and claim receipt patterns. These estimates, however, involve extensive judgment, and have considerable inherent variability because they are extremely sensitive to changes in payment patterns and medical cost trends.
- If Humana fails to effectively implement its operational and strategic initiatives, including its Medicare initiatives, the company's business may be materially adversely affected, which is of particular importance given the concentration of the company's revenues in the Medicare business.
- If Humana fails to properly maintain the integrity of its data, to strategically implement new information systems, to protect Humana's proprietary rights to its systems, or to defend against cyber-security attacks, the company's business may be materially adversely affected.
- Humana's business may be materially adversely impacted by CMS's adoption of a new coding set for diagnoses.
- Humana is involved in various legal actions and governmental and internal investigations, including without limitation, an ongoing internal investigation and litigation and government requests for information related to certain aspects of its Florida subsidiary operations, any of which, if resolved unfavorably to the company, could result in substantial monetary damages. Increased litigation and negative publicity could increase the company's cost of doing business.
- As a government contractor, Humana is exposed to risks that may materially adversely affect its business or its willingness or ability to participate in government health care programs.
- Recently enacted health insurance reform, including The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, could have a material adverse effect on Humana's results of operations, including restricting revenue, enrollment and premium growth in certain products and market segments, restricting the company's ability to expand into new markets, increasing the company's medical and operating costs by, among other things, requiring a minimum benefit ratio on insured products (and particularly how the ratio may apply to Medicare plans, including aggregation, credibility thresholds, and its possible application to prescription drug plans), lowering the company's Medicare payment rates and increasing the company's expenses associated with a non-deductible federal premium tax and other assessments; financial position, including the company's ability to maintain the value of its goodwill; and cash flows. In addition, if the new non-deductible

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federal premium tax and other assessments, including a three-year commercial reinsurance fee, were imposed as enacted, and if Humana is unable to adjust its business model to address these new taxes and assessments, such as through the reduction of the company's operating costs, there can be no assurance that the non-deductible federal premium tax and other assessments would not have a material adverse effect on the company's results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

- Humana's business activities are subject to substantial government regulation. New laws or regulations, or changes in existing laws or regulations or their manner of application could increase the company's cost of doing business and may adversely affect the company's business, profitability and cash flows.
- Any failure to manage operating costs could hamper Humana's profitability.
- Any failure by Humana to manage acquisitions and other significant transactions successfully may have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.
- If Humana fails to develop and maintain satisfactory relationships with the providers of care to its members, the company's business may be adversely affected.
- Humana's pharmacy business is highly competitive and subjects it to regulations in addition to those the company faces with its core health benefits businesses.
- Changes in the prescription drug industry pricing benchmarks may adversely affect Humana's financial performance.
- If Humana does not continue to earn and retain purchase discounts and volume rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers at current levels, Humana's gross margins may decline.
- Humana's ability to obtain funds from its subsidiaries is restricted by state insurance regulations.
- Downgrades in Humana's debt ratings, should they occur, may adversely affect its business, results of operations, and financial condition.
- Changes in economic conditions could adversely affect Humana's business and results of operations.
- The securities and credit markets may experience volatility and disruption, which may adversely affect Humana's business.
- Given the current economic climate, Humana's stock and the stock of other companies in the insurance industry may be increasingly subject to stock price and trading volume volatility.

In making forward-looking statements, Humana is not undertaking to address or update them in future filings or communications regarding its business or results. In light of these risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed herein may or may not occur. There also may be other risks that the company is unable to predict at this time. Any of these risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements.

Humana advises investors to read the following documents as filed by the company with the SEC for further discussion both of the risks it faces and its historical performance:

- Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;
- Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and September 30, 2012 (as amended by the Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 filed with the SEC on December 4, 2012);
- Form 8-Ks filed during 2012.

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About Humana

Humana Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a leading health-care company that offers a wide range of insurance products and health and wellness services that incorporate an integrated approach to lifelong well-being. By leveraging the strengths of its core businesses, Humana believes it can better explore opportunities for existing and emerging adjacencies in health care that can further enhance wellness opportunities for the millions of people across the nation with whom the company has relationships.

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

- Annual reports to stockholders
- Securities and Exchange Commission filings
- Most recent investor conference presentations
- Quarterly earnings news releases
- Replays of most recent earnings release conference calls
- Calendar of events (including upcoming earnings conference call dates and times, as well as planned interaction with research analysts and institutional investors)
- Corporate Governance information

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