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Coventry Health Care Increases Share Repurchase Authorization

BETHESDA, Md. (November 19, 2011) - Coventry Health Care, Inc. (NYSE: CVH) today announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase to its share repurchase program in an amount equal to 10% of the Company's outstanding common stock, thereby increasing the repurchase authorization by approximately 14.4 million shares.

Share repurchases under the program will be made from time to time through open market or privately negotiated transactions. The timing and actual number of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including price, regulatory restrictions, market conditions and corporate liquidity requirements.

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. 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.