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HEALTHWAYS, INC. Stockholder meeting to be held on 01/29/09 ** IMPOR TANT NOTICE **
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Meeting Information Meeting Type: Annual Meeting Date: 01/29/09 Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M. CST For holders as of: 12/04/08 **Meeting Location:** Franklin Marriott Cool Springs 700 Cool Springs Blvd. Franklin, TN 37067 **Meeting Directions:** R1HLT2 For Meeting Directions, Please Call: (615) 614 4488

How To Vote

Vote In Person Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet To vote *now* by Internet, go to **WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM**. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Voting items The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **F O R** the nominees in the election of directors and **FOR** proposal 2. 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS **Nominees:** 01) Jay C. Bisgard, M.D. 02) Mary Jane England, M.D. 03) John A. Wickens 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm R1HLT3 for fiscal 2009.