



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:** Cass Oryl  
215.564.3200 x116  
coryl@gobraithwaite.com

## **HTH Worldwide Expands Convenient Access to Care At Top Hospitals in Northern Italy**

### **First U.S. Firm to Contract with Veneto Regional Health Council**

**December 9, 2008 (Radnor, PA)** — HTH Worldwide, a global health and safety services company, today announced it has contracted with over 50 hospitals among 23 municipalities in northern Italy, including Venice, Verona, Vicenza and Padua that comprise the Veneto Regional Health Council. The agreements enable global travelers covered by HTH's international health insurance programs to arrange convenient appointments for a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services and to have the providers bill HTH directly. HTH is the first U.S firm to contract with the Veneto Council for these concierge-level services.

Participating hospitals include Ospedale San Bartolo in Vicenza, Ospedale SS. Giovanni e Paolo, the principal acute care facility in Venice and the new Ospedale Civile di Mestre near the Venice airport, which offer a full range of inpatient and outpatient services as well as office-based services performed by specialists and primary care physicians, including prevention and wellness programs.

"Reaching these agreements is an important milestone in our strategy to serve international patients," said Sandro Sandri, Veneto Regional Minister of Health. "We are delighted to be able to work with HTH Worldwide to offer prompt access to quality care and a convenient payment process."

"HTH is very pleased to enter into this important working relationship to serve our members to help ensure that their international travel is safe, easy and rewarding," said Laura Hilton, HTH's Director of Global Health and Safety Resources. "The hospitals and doctors of the Veneto Region are a welcome addition to our worldwide community of participating providers."

#### **About HTH Worldwide**

HTH Worldwide provides health insurance plans and global medical assistance services for business and leisure travelers as well as students abroad. HTH programs are distinguished by a contracted community of over 5,000 hospitals and doctors in 180 countries. HTH combines its health and safety research, advanced Internet and mobile applications, and extensive experience in designing and delivering international health insurance plans to ensure customers' health, safety and peace of mind. HTH was recently named one of North America's fastest growing companies in Deloitte's Technology Fast 500. For more information, visit [www.hthworldwide.com](http://www.hthworldwide.com).

###